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The Disunited Farmers of Ontario

Impartial readers of the debates at the U. F. O. convention held in Toronto during the first week of December must have wondered whether the title "United Farmers of Ontario" had not become a mis-nomer. In the embroglio the man who has our sympathy is Mr. Howard Clemes, who by his business capacity pulled the United Farmers' Co-operative Company out of the wretched morass into which it had been landed through its alliance with the U. F. O. political movement. He spoke from the heart no doubt when he said he did not wish them dragged into the shindy in which Mr. Drury, Mr. Morrison, Miss Agnes MacPhail, Mr. Halbert, and many less famous persons were administering blows right and left. And after the fray was over it was difficult to determine just what the position of the U. F. O., in Federal and Provincial politics, is at the present time.

Mr. Drury talked sound sense in his declaration against the "group system" of government, as compared with the present system. He ought to know, for he has tried both. But he was wrong in assuming that the defeat of the U. F. O. government at the polls in 1923 was assisted by Mr. J. J. Morrison's declaration in favor of the group system. It was due to the sins and weaknesses of the Drury administration. At least one member of that administration adhered to his pre-election promises. Peter Smith, the future Treasurer, had promised his constituents that if he were elected "the capitalists would hear from him." They did, and in no very modest manner. But Mr. Drury is as well aware as any one else that three years' experience of "group government" was enough for the people of Ontario, the rank and file of the U. F. O. included; and that never in his lifetime will such an experiment be made again. Therefore he is on solid ground when he says that if the U. F. O. are to achieve anything in a political sense it must be in alliance with others. His own choice is obviously the Liberal party.

Mr. Drury charges the U. F. O. with having neglected to make its power felt in connection with public questions like the tariff, but here he speaks as a man out of touch with his fellow farmers. Mr. Drury is himself a "sort of a kind of a Free Trader," but the plain truth is that the majority of the farmers of Ontario, like those of Quebec, are protectionists, and have shown themselves so in nearly every election where protection has been an issue in the past fifty years. Nearly a decade ago the Canadian Council of Agriculture, at that time supposed to be the fountain of policy for the agrarian bodies of the various provinces, placed an anti-protection plank in its platform which the executive of the U. F. O. never had the temerity to submit to the annual convention; and it remains unratified in Ontario to this day. The main body of farmers in Ontario will continue to deal with the tariff on the merits of the issue as it arises from time to time. No "broadening out" or other process will alter that situation.

Miss MacPhail, the "uncrowned queen" of the U. F. O., and Mr. J. J. Morrison, its Secretary and mentor, are apparently against all entangling alliances in politics, but how far that will get them under the present system of government it would be difficult to say. Certainly Miss MacPhail will never again abandon a trans-Atlantic trip to try and save one of the old line parties, and she is equally disgusted with the erstwhile heroes of the United Farmer movement. Though she denies having called them "traitors," she declares, "I said the movement had been unfortunate in its leaders, Drury, Crerar, Forke. I stick to that. I never called them traitors. You can tell them what you like." Rather nasty that, but what is Miss MacPhail's goal? Apparently she wishes to establish a Cave of Abdullam, from which a determined horde would occasionally emerge to obstruct public business.

Seemingly the former President, R. H. Halbert, ex-M.P. and latterly an organizer, fears that as things are going, there will be presently nothing to organize, for he announced a decline in membership, during a short period of years, from 50,000 to 18,000. This drop may be traced to the political adventure embarked upon nine years ago by a very promising co-operative organization. Time has shown that men cannot be regimented politically on the basis of their calling. There is as much variation of opinion among farmers as among preachers, lawyers and newspaper men.

Mr. Garland Explains the Wheat Pool

It is good for Canadians to know one another, and few public men have made a finer impression on an unfamiliar audience than did Mr. E. J. Garland, M.P. for Bow River, Alberta, when he addressed the Canadian Club of Toronto on the subject of the Wheat Pool. Mr. Garland, who is an alumnus of Trinity University, Dublin, of high scholastic attainments, has been a homesteader in one of the most difficult districts for wheat farming since his twenty-fourth year, that is to say since 1909. He is one of the few parliamentarians who have a natural talent for beautiful rhetoric, and his personality gives one a sense of the real force which lies back of the Young Ireland group which is trying to reclaim the Irish Free State from the consequence of its debauch of fighting. Few public speakers have made so instant a conquest of an audience as did he of a large assemblage of business and professional men; and he can report at home that Toronto, which is such a bogey in many sections of the West, is not unsympathetic toward the prairie farmer.

It so happens that the geographical location chosen by Mr. Garland when he first settled in Alberta gave him an experience of trials and tragedies which may beset the wheat farmer, unknown to settlers in other sections of the great Northwest; and the picture he painted at the outset was grievous indeed. But obviously there are compensating years, when saw-flies don't saw and other ills are abated. Judging by his initial picture it is marvellous that the banks ever had courage to lend money to the farmers at all, but they do and did, and the gist of Mr. Garland's commentary was that they are not so bad after all. The great merit of the Wheat Pool, a marvellous feat in rapid and widespread organization, is that it



ONE OF THE PEAKS OF THE PREMIER GROUP, CANADIAN ROCKIES
The Prime Ministers of Canada not previously memorialized by peaks in the Canadian Rockies have been honored in the titles of the "Premier" group which lies South of the Prince Rupert line of Canadian National Railways. The peak shown in the above picture has been named Mt. Mackenzie Bowell.

—Photo by D. Munday.

assures to the farmer the best returns for his crop in the years when capricious Nature has been generous in her favors. Its system of stabilizing prices, volume of export, and distribution of returns to the farmer, is most complete and admirable. Undoubtedly the whole of Canada cannot fail to benefit by the operations of the Pool, so long as its aspirations remain reasonable.

The address was a timely one, because, as is apt to be the case in all agrarian organizations, "kickers" exist within the ranks who have been rather active lately. SATURDAY NIGHT's mail bag has been fairly well nourished with a great many more letters, *pro and con*, than it could reasonably publish. In most organizations dissidents are enormously outnumbered by those who are perfectly satisfied with the situation, but the dissidents manage to make the most noise. The main complaints are (1) that this year, which happened to be a particularly flush one, privately owned elevator companies paid a cent or two more per bushel for wheat than the Pool; (2) that its sponsors aim at a monopoly which would ultimately bring every farmer on the prairies under iron control. These criticisms were not alluded to by Mr. Garland, but in view of all that he told his hearers, the first complaint is an idle one. The wheat farmer cannot have it both ways; he cannot deal outside to seize a momentary advantage in a flush season, and also expect to reap all the benefits which the Wheat Pool undoubtedly assures him in when the outlook is not so good. Generally speaking, it seems probable that the private operator gains an advantage in the stabilization of prices created by the Wheat Pool. Fears as to a possible monopoly are natural in communities in which the very word has been given a sinister significance by political agitators. The West has been taught that monopolies are bloody and greedy, and some who have imbibed this doctrine temperamentally react against the Wheat Pool, which adopts the precisely same measures for the control of prices and output long denounced as criminal when practised by the industrial interests. But the real cure for dangerous monopolies lies in the fact that they never last. Every extortionate or tyrannical act is a nail in their coffin. Monopolies or near-monopolies can only survive so long as they serve the public equitably in the interest of both the consumer and producer; and the best means of promoting that blissful state is the existence of some form of competition. The principle of unrestricted competition, which means in essence selling cheap the lives and souls of men, is inherently vicious; but enlightened competition as a check on the possible excesses of monopolies is a good thing. The Wheat Pool will flourish best when it hasn't the whole field to itself.

Apart from its material benefits the Pool may render its members, it should perform a most signal service in educating its members in the ideas and methods of modern business organization and teaching them that these methods are not necessarily evil. Once they are understood there should be less antagonism toward the East, where antagonism toward the West is almost non-existent.

Ancient Landmark To Disappear

Old Canadian landmarks in the form of hosteleries, seem to be passing into memory. It was only the other day that the Old Queen's Hotel in Toronto was razed to the ground; now it is announced that the far-famed St. Lawrence Hall, in Montreal—a hostelry that, for three-quarters of a century, has occupied much the same sort of niche in the social cosmos of Montreal as the Queen's did in that of Toronto—is to be closed on the last day of this present year of grace, the C. P. R. having given notice that it will require the building (which is its property) after the 1st January next.

Ever since it was opened by the late Henry Hogan in 1851, St. Lawrence Hall has enjoyed the highest of reputations for good living. Its cuisine and its cellar alike were of notable excellence even in a day when dining and wineing were regarded as things of vastly solemn import, and when people were surer both of their stomachs and of their heads than they are today. But nothing is permanent in this world. Even the most hospitable hotels must, alas! "like chimney-sweepers, come to dust." Such is the inexorable, if inscrutable, law.

In its heyday, all sorts and conditions of men and women, from Royalty to race-track touts, have sojourned within its hospitable walls. King Edward VII, as Prince of Wales, visited the place. At least one British Ambassador to the United States, Lord Lyons, stayed there, as, at different times, did celebrities of such varied calibre as Patti, "Buffalo Bill," "Jeff" Davis, and John Willies Booth, the assassin of Lincoln. Sir John Macdonald, Sir George Cartier and Hon. George Brown were among Canadian statesmen who made their "halt" there when in Montreal. Among its former glories one which the tide of time (and of public opinion) has borne away, was its enormous bar, over 100 feet in length, in front of which, from morn till eve—and beyond—a veritable army of illumined countenances waged a strenuous, if losing, battle with the serried array of bottled goods behind it.

British and Canadian Manufacturers

In his address at the luncheon in connection with the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Woollen and Knit Goods Manufacturers' Association, Mr. D. C. Dick, of Cobourg, the newly-elected president of that Association, gave a very interesting account of the visit he has just paid to the Old Country. Of especial interest was his resumé of the impressions he derived of the attitude of the textile industry in Great Britain towards the industry in Canada, in relation to various matters which have caused considerable discussion in both British and Canadian trade circles lately. The British manufacturers discussed quite frankly their difficulties in the Canadian market in the way of cancellations, bad debts and other troubles of that kind, and suggested an arbitration agreement as a way out of them. Mr. Dick, in his turn, pointed out that all the trouble in the Canadian market was, possibly, not

to be laid at the door of Canada, but, in part, at any rate, it might be due to lack of close touch between the British manufacturer and the Canadian market, and to the former's methods of doing business not being wholly in accord with Canadian requirements. He also intimated that, while the suggestion as to arbitration would be brought before the executive of his Association, there were some difficulties in the situation that arbitration might not wholly remove.

It is, however, the question of the Canadian tariff that has, during the past year, focussed on itself the attention of woollen and knit goods manufacturers both here and in Great Britain—and particularly in Bradford where that branch of the British textile industry is so largely concentrated. The Association has applied for an upward revision of the woollen tariff schedule, and the case it has presented to the Advisory Board on Tariff and Taxation is now being considered by that body. The Bradford manufacturers, who import so much of their products into Canada, have shown themselves singularly inappreciative of the necessity for such an upward tariff revision, and, during the year, rival trumpets have been ringing out in the press and elsewhere. However, Mr. W. H. Moore, the chairman of the Board, diplomatically invited British manufacturers to be present at its sessions in Ottawa, when the application for upward revision was heard. Several of them availed themselves of the invitation, and their visit to Canada, according to Mr. Dick, has inspired them with a more friendly sentiment towards the textile industry and those who represent it here.

There is little doubt that Mr. Dick's own visit to the Old Country has also conduced to a better understanding between members of his own Association and the British woollen and knit goods men. Their interests are not identical with those of our own woollen and knit goods manufacturers. Let that be admitted. But let the competition be a friendly one, as competitions between members of one family should be. The more that spirit of friendliness is fostered and developed, the better, as Mr. Dick shrewdly observed, will it be for the future not only of the woollen and knit goods industry, but of both countries as well, and of the whole Imperial relationship.

Premier Taschereau Talks Back

Premier Taschereau has no intention of sitting "mumchance" while leading Liberals in the Federal field go about propagating the notion that tinkering with the constitution, in the direction of still further weakening the tenuous link that binds this country to the Motherland, is part and parcel of latter-day Liberal policy. He is making it quite evident, too, that stones that batter the glass of his greenhouse will be hurled back at the batterers. At the Montreal Reform Club, on the 28th November, he referred to the constitutional issue in no uncertain language. Indeed, the force and fire of his language, obviously chosen with care, and his unmistakable earnestness of manner, made a deep impression on his audience.

"I am just back," he said, "from an inter-Provincial conference where this subject was, to some extent, discussed, and I may say that there is no Province that supported the British tie and the British Crown more strongly than the Province of Quebec. We French-Canadians in the Province of Quebec feel that the British connection is essential to our future. It is important to you"—meaning the English-speaking Canadians—"also. If you break that tie, where will we go? Whither will we drift? Independence? Annexation to the United States? We do not want annexation to the United States. Independence? Where will we get that way? Can we desire anything more than membership of the greatest Empire in the world?"

If it was necessary for the Province of Quebec to "support the British tie and the British Crown" so strongly as (according to Mr. Taschereau, who must know whereof he speaks in this regard) its representatives did at the inter-Provincial conference, the idea would seem to be in his mind that these things were the object of attack in certain quarters. At any rate, the unequivocal character of his language on the constitutional issue, to say nothing of his plain good sense, should give pause to some of the constitution-mongers. Had this language about "independence" and "annexation" emanated from Conservative quarters, no doubt it would have been contemptuously dismissed as "flag-flapping." But the speaker is the outstanding political figure in the Province whence Liberalism at Ottawa derives its chief strength, and his words carry far.

Germany Takes The Air

A significant account of the strides made in commercial aviation by Germany since the war is contained in an article by W. Jefferson Davis in a recent issue of the "Saturday Evening Post". Under the Versailles Treaty Germany was limited for several years to the manufacture of purely commercial planes; as a result of this condition the Teuton devoted his genius to the creation of a national air-traffic and to-day Germany leads the world in this phase of aviation.

According to Mr. Davis, the credit for the amazing development of commercial flying in Germany belongs to one huge company, the Deutsche Luft Hansa, a consolidation of the Junkers and the Aero Lloyd Company and financed by shipping interests. From the first the company has been subsidized by the German Government which has not under-estimated its value to the nation, but it is the ambition of Otto Merkel, one of the directors and the brains behind organization to make the Luft Hansa completely independent in the near future.

The Luft Hansa has some 220 planes flying on daily schedule over fixed routes and the traffic has been organized with a precision and efficiency that would do credit to any highly-organized railway. Planes leave and arrive on the dot and in 1926 when a distance of 25,000 miles was averaged daily there was not a single fatality. It is estimated that in 1927 the distance covered by the air-planes will be 46,600 miles daily. There are routes connecting not only all German cities of importance, but every capital in Europe. The planes are the last word in convenience and safety, many of them having sleeping accommodation. The fare is no higher than that of a first-class railway passage (in Germany first-class railway

fares are higher than obtain in this country) and all classes of people have taken to the new mode of transportation with a great enthusiasm. The Luft Hansa has over 100 beautifully equipped air-ports in Germany alone; indeed, we are informed, every municipality in Germany of any size owns and operates its own air-port. These are not mere fields, but have all the conveniences and buildings that make up a harbour. The airports of the larger cities have restaurants and summer gardens and are a favorite resort with the citizens who repair there of an afternoon to have coffee, visit together and watch the planes arrive and depart.

Mr. Davis came to the following conclusions as the result of his investigations: "That aviation already is affecting the economic life of Germany so that it will make its own way as a paying business, now that the German people as a nation have taken to the air; also that, regardless of its more remote purposes at the start, it has developed into an instrument of peace and progress which will lessen, rather than augment, any military designs of the German nation. There is a priceless by-product of wider state and communal welfare in air commerce, which, in my opinion, will vastly lessen the chances of world conflict in years to come.

"An ant obviously has a narrower world perspective than an eagle. I thought of this as we flew over the Ruhr from France into Germany. Viewed from aloft, the vast interlocking industrial, technical and transport systems of Europe give an impression of economic unity obliterating political boundaries which is unattainable from the ground. It is hard to keep in mind a clear concept of national entities in this swift passage over factories, mines, railroads, canals, forests and farms. I found other passengers who acknowledged the same thoughts. I mention this in view of what I believe to be the importance of aviation in bringing about a new world outlook among insular and highly nationalistic peoples."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Lost Explorer

Editor, SATURDAY NIGHT.

Sir.—I was much interested in your article in your last issue concerning the mystery of the disappearance in Brazil of Colonel F. H. Fawcett, the British explorer, and it recalls my last meeting with him one evening in 1920 at the British Embassy at Rio de Janeiro.

When I was introduced to Fawcett his features seemed dimly familiar. I told him so and he said the same about me, and after eliminating various countries where we might have met it turned out that he was serving as a Gunner officer in Colombo, Ceylon, at the same time I was stationed there in 1903-4 as a Sapper.

Colonel Fawcett was in Rio for the purpose of organizing an expedition into the interior, which was being financed or sponsored by the Royal Geographical Society. The difficulty of his task may be realized when it is remembered that Brazil is a country larger than the United States, and only a fringe along the seaboard is populated, or even explored to any extent. The central and northern interior is a vast expanse of hundreds of thousands of square miles of steaming jungle, except in certain uplands. He had been into the interior a few years before, from the Chile side of the continent, and had found indications, so he told me, of a wonderful ancient civilization which he believed was still in existence, quite unknown to and knowing nothing about the outside world. On this occasion he intended to press westward into this unknown wilderness, where it is necessary at times to hack a path, and where the thickness of the tropical jungle casts a mantle of perpetual gloom. He expected to be gone three years.

I asked him what were his chances of coming back. His reply was, fifty-fifty. The chief difficulties were mosquitoes, snakes and poisoned arrows! He chafed under the unwillingness of people to join him—people of the right kind—and put it down to lack of "guts." It was necessary for all members of the party to be non-drinkers and non-smokers for every ounce of unnecessary weight had to be sacrificed to carry food. Fawcett himself was as hard as nails, and as he was not a smoker, this stipulation had no personal inconvenience.

He started shortly afterwards and I have often wondered how the expedition fared. It seems that the present trip, on which he has been lost to the world for two years, has come to grief. It is to be hoped that the rescue party will find him, although the chances of doing so in that vast expanse of terrifying country seem hardly equal to the chances of locating a submarine reported to be somewhere in the Atlantic.

Yours faithfully,

G. B. JOHNSON,

Canadian Government Trade Commissioner to Scotland,
Toronto, Dec. 1927. (Late Major, Royal Engineers.)

The West Before the Railway Era

Editor, SATURDAY NIGHT.

Sir.—Under this heading in your issue of December 3rd appears a letter from "Old-time Winnipegger" which arouses my interest, and I would ask your indulgence, and space, if possible, for a few comments thereon. Any facts or dates pertaining to our Canadian history I think should be faithfully recorded. I would be sorry to dispute any statements of Sir Donald Mann or my brother—"old-time Winnipegger"—and herein only give my recollections of those years 1875-1885, and if I claim any memory for detail I must ascribe it to having kept a diary.

Between '75 and '77 three important events affecting the West occurred, viz.: Construction work on the Canadian Pacific Railway commenced at Fort Arthur westward, at the Red River eastward, and in B.C. west of the Mountains; secondly, the grasshopper plague of '74 and '75 ended; and thirdly, the buffalo all disappeared from the prairies.

"Primeval Forest" gives the impression of a large area of first growth heavy timber. Be that as it may, certain it is that some timber other than poplar and scrub oak was to be found in the portion of Manitoba east of the Red River, because many railway wooden bridges were built on the C. P. Railway in the years 1875-6-7 before any rails or rolling stock was in the country. They were of pine, spruce and tamarac, hewn and hauled by team to the railway.

The first house at Beausejour, 16 miles east of Red River, was built of fluted timbers of good size. I lived in it more than two years.

In 1879 Dan Mann, as he was then familiarly known, had a lumber camp and force of men in the woods about 40 miles east, taking out railway ties; what bridge timber he may also have cut I would not say. At this time construction trains were running between St. Boniface and eastern boundary of the province.

West of Red River I cannot say much previous to 1879, when the branch to St. Boniface was commenced, and the locomotive, "John G. Hargart" was taken into Winnipeg, crossing the river on the ice 23rd December, 1879. Although the first engine in the province was the little "Countess of Dufferin," still preserved near C.P.R. station in Winnipeg. She came down Red River on flat boat or scow and landed on St. Boniface side, being used for construction work. This was in 1877, but this fact has been seen previously in print.

I trust there is nothing in the foregoing which may in the slightest degree be taken as discrediting either Sir Donald Mann or your correspondent, "Old-time Winnipegger."

Toronto, December, 1927.

H. W. D. ARMSTRONG.

General Chamorro now declares that peace reigns in Nicaragua, but doesn't explain why he had to get to Mobile, Alabama, before he made the reassuring announcement.—*New York Evening Post.*

Paul Poirer's attack upon the American knee has had no visible effect. At any rate, there was no rush by shorts to cover.—*The New Yorker.*



COBHAM'S ALL METAL FLYING BOAT
The great aviator, Sir Alan Cobham, has planned a twenty thousand mile pioneering flight through Africa, returning by the west coast. Lady Cobham accompanies him. The picture shows a trial of his all metal hydroplane, the "Singapore."

A Monument to Joliet

Luzor Cote's Statue of the Intrepid Explorer
to be Installed at Quebec.

By L. A. M. Lovekin

THE name of Louis Joliet is commonly associated exclusively with the exploration of the Mississippi Valley. His life work really covered an extensive and much wider field. In view of the atmosphere of mystery surrounding that great river at the period of his expedition of discovery in 1673, bold and perilous but destined to confer infinite benefit on humanity, it is not unfitting that the title "discoverer of the Mississippi" should be applied to him, albeit strictly incorrect. He unquestionably occupies a very prominent position in the ranks of those who led in the penetration of the wilds of the American continent, previously untrodden save by the red man.

At intervals SATURDAY NIGHT has given illustrations of the statues of the great men who have figured in the history of Canada and fitly placed in the niches which Mr. Eugene Tache, the architect of the Government Buildings in Quebec, designed for the purpose. And now the effigy of Louis Joliet closes the long roll of celebrities great in military, political and, as in the last instance, venture some arenas.

The genius of the great French minister, Colbert, had accomplished much in New France, but he was fully aware of the urgency of following up the work he had commenced and fostering the tree he had planted so well. With that end in view he instructed Talon to look to the westerly extension of the French possessions. In a former article on this eminent statesman and administrator—"The Great Intendant"—reference was made to his prevision and marvellous skill in national organization. His ability was, however, far ahead of his time and the jealousy of an inefficient domination in France brought his tenure of office in Canada to a close. One of his last official acts was in connection with the exploration of the Mississippi. His selection of Joliet as the most capable, enthusiastic and trustworthy man to place in charge of the mission was an instance of Talon's wisdom. Joliet's task was a difficult one and embraced the ascertaining the truth concerning the great river generally, and especially its point of discharge into the sea, at the time a matter of great doubt, a common belief being that it discharged its waters into the Pacific Ocean. On the 17th of May, 1673, Joliet, Pere Marquette, by some said to have been selected by Bishop Laval, and five companions started on their famous voyage of discovery. Histories and records have familiarized the student with what, in fact, reads like a chapter taken from a romance. The explorers embarked at Mackinaw and proceeded by way of La Grande Baye—perverted into Green Bay—up the Fox River and thence by portage to the Wisconsin, and descending it they reached, on June 17th, the great object of research, the Mississippi. Their search proved the navigability of the river to its mouth and also the falsity of all previous theories as to the place of its termination. It seems to have been the "meeting of the waters" of the Mississippi and Missouri that first convinced the explorers that the former river terminated in the Gulf of Mexico. Their important discoveries



SUZOR-COTE'S STATUE OF JOLIET
Soon to be installed at Quebec.

—Photo by Anne Merrill.

completed, the explorers made their return journey by way of the Illinois and Lake Michigan. On his return eastward Joliet suffered an irreparable loss, all his papers and records being swept away in the rapids above Montreal. He was, in consequence, unable to make more than a verbal report to the governmental authorities at Quebec, though, later, he explained at length and in detail his doings, which description was recorded and transmitted to France. The gallant and determined explorer not unreasonably expected a further commission in order that he might supplement the work he had so efficiently accomplished. In this he was disappointed and he appears to have been treated almost like an unknown quantity. The fruits of his labors were harvested by others and they made free and unscrupulous use of his hazardous experiences. It is true that the highly attractive Island of Anticosti was granted him and he constructed a fort and "Abitation" there for trading purposes. The trade did not appear in any volume but the English armed ships did and seized both fort and station. Joliet once more returned to the wild west and resumed his roving tendencies. Later he received further grants of land south of Quebec. Of his personality but little is of record. He is reported to have been the son of a wagon builder and to have received his education at the famous Jesuit College, Quebec, and he seems to have held some lay office in the establishment. But such an employment was not suited to a man whose nature made him dislike a stationary life. The wanderlust was strong in his disposition and held its mastery to the end. The obsession appears to have proved more advantageous to others and civilization generally than to himself, and he shines as a man unselfish, self-sacrificing and steadfast. His last days and the place and circumstances surrounding his death, in the early years of the eighteenth century, are overshadowed by a cloud of uncertainty.

The statue which has been cast in France, as may be gathered from the illustration of this original model, is life-like and the sculptor has very ably reflected the spirit which always seems to have moved the intrepid voyageur. The work was executed by M. Suzor Cote of Montreal and therefore needs no eulogy or criticism. To cite his name is sufficient. For some time past Mr. Cote has been seriously ill and will be unable to witness the installation of his masterpiece.

An Exchange of Views

By George Herbert Clarke

I. FORTY TO TWENTY-FIVE

MY DARLING Ella—that is, dear Miss Smiley—I never thought that it would prove so hard To write a letter hinting rather highly Of regard;

So highly hinting that the sweet and slender Recipient its point must understand, And must consider it a tender tender Of heart and hand.

The fact is, Ella dear, divine afflatus, It's time your correspondent let you know Dissatisfaction with the "thus far" status Of the beau.

I can't and won't be happy any longer To count as one—one only—in your train; Belle though you be, yet I, a tired ding-donger, Must complain.

Have I not held your compact or umbrella? Have I upbraided when you bobbed your hair? Have I not borne a lock of it, my Ella, Everywhere?

How many idle youths have clasped your digits?— I with the empty gloves—while to rehearse The ways you turn their heads gives one the fidgets Worse and worse.

And this has gone on years—some six or seven— They seem to me eternal! Once or twice When I grew restless you would smile like heaven And be nice.

Be nice for ever! That is what I'm after; You must be, shall be, Ella! I can't stand Another moment of your teasing laughter With young Bland.

He and your Rosedale Reggles are diverting, I'll grant you, with their parlor tricks and tea; But this fox-trotting, frolicking and flirting Worries me.

Why don't you drop that fellow, and the insects That hover round you?—and you let them, friend! You girls want endless wooing; well, the *old* sex Like an end;

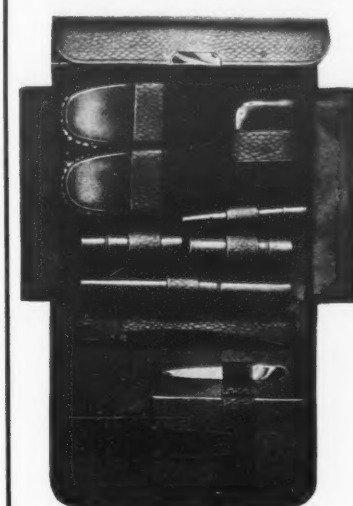
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Gifts for Men

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O Ella, Ella, drop 'em all and drop me A line or two at once and kindly own That you are, like my signed authentic Copley, Mine alone!

I've read this letter over, and your pardon I ask if I've a bit too forward been; But— isn't there a cottage still in Arden Forest green?

II. TWENTY-FIVE TO FORTY
Dear Friend, you pay me a distinguished honor, And I am grateful, Mother bids me write;— (What more I have to tell you, Mister Connor, I'll indite.)

That you're a goose, Jack, grieves me, dear old fellow! I know you won't believe it, but I've cried Till eyes are red, and face is green and yellow; Where's my pride?

What you have suffered, stupid boy, in silence— At least in semi-silence—and I knew! Yes, let me make confession: I no violence Fear from you.

Why didn't you speak sooner, my logician? I wouldn't let you?—well, you've spoken now. And have I granted you my full permission?— When and how?

And don't you know that I'm engaged already To—that young Bland, and other two or three? And is it possible that you, so steady, Care for me?

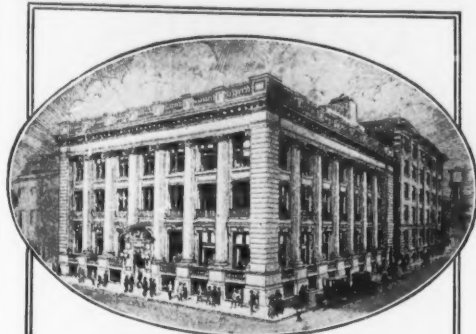
Oh, I am so ashamed and glad, Jack! Gravely, Your letter made me see a lot of things— Though some of them I saw before you gave me My new wings.

There—I had almost signed and sealed this letter Without advising you the answer's—Yes! I'll try to say it, oh my dear, much better!— Ella S. Kingston, Ont.

Fort Chambly, twenty miles southwest of Montreal on a conspicuous headland of the Richelieu river, is a most picturesque and interesting ruin. The first Fort Chambly was erected by the French in 1666 and the building of the present structure was begun in 1709. In 1851 the fort was abandoned as a military post and in 1921 was placed under the care of the Canadian National Parks Branch of the Department of the Interior to be preserved as a valuable memorial of the early military history of Canada. It is near one of Quebec's main highways and is visited by many motorists every year.

Prince Carol of Roumania may be frivolous and all that, but he certainly understands the Balkan situation. He understands it so well that he stays in Paris.—*San Diego Union.*

The most important feature of the usual party organ is a soft pedal.—*Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.*



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By Hal Frank

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R. J. DEACHMAN

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LADY COBHAM AS AERIAL COOK

Lady Cobham decided to accompany her husband, Sir Alan Cobham, on his 20,000 miles reconnaissance flight around Africa, as a member of the crew. She helps her husband with much of his secretarial work at home and will act in this capacity on the flight. Lady Cobham will play her part as cook also. The picture shows Sir Alan and Lady Cobham looking over map which shows the route they will take.

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West Coast Indian Art

Unique Exhibition in Progress at the National Gallery, Ottawa

By Guy E. Rhoades

THE vanishing Indian did a strong comeback when the Exhibition of Canadian West Coast Indian Art, native and modern, was opened at the National Gallery, Ottawa, on December 2.

This was the first show of its kind ever staged by an art gallery in any country. And not only was there enough native material to force the most skeptical observer to realize that the Indian was an artist in days gone by, but the quality of the modern works was of such a high standard as to make the critic appreciate the enormous influence the west coast aborigines and their ancient civilization are having on art in Canada.

The exhibition of native masterpieces, the best which could be found in the museums of the country, showed one that the original natives of the Pacific coast possessed what was probably the greatest decorative art which has ever been developed. The ancient Indian craftsman had an advantage over all others in the art which grew out of those ideas of heraldry connected with the totem and associated in the popular mind first of all with the totem pole. He had in each design something which could be adapted to fit any field he chose to put it in. He was permitted to distort it as much as he pleased as long as he preserved certain features which disclosed its identity. In each being which he portrayed the essential features were different, and those usually one or two for each being made his design represent what it did.

The usefulness of this art in modern decoration is shown perhaps most vividly in the pottery and hooked-rug work of Emily Carr, an artist of Vancouver the merits of whose work have never been fully realized until this year when she was heralded as one of the greatest discoveries ever made in this country. Miss Carr has shown that the effect of these designs used to decorate articles of regular household use is really pleasing, and has opened up possibilities for a really distinctively Canadian school of decoration.

Emily Carr is really the feature of the show. She has more pictures hung than any other individual, and her work, undertaken in years before the advent of civilization in the remoter parts of the coast had halted the progress of native art, has attached to it an historical value which is truly enormous. In her wanderings up and down the coast she has recorded on canvas many of the phases of Indian life which have ceased to exist, and she has done it with a liveliness of color together with a faithfulness to reality which renders her efforts not only valuable but extremely fascinating.

It has been said that a prophet has no honor in his own country, and Miss Carr had none in hers. The little art associations by which she was surrounded in the West liked her but had no use for her work. She sold nothing, and in 1914 was forced to stop painting through lack of adequate funds.

Among the older pictures in the show are a number by Paul Kane, that old wanderer who has painted perhaps more of the aborigines than anyone in the world has done. His stuff, though old fashioned in treatment is always interesting.

Indian portraiture was stimulated in this country largely through the work of W. Langdon Kihn, the lively young artist from New York, who is represented in this collection. Two others are hung in the exhibition, Edwin Holgate of Montreal and Pegi Nichol of Ottawa. Both paint in distinct contrast to the two-dimensional, poster style of Kihn, but neither have the startling color effect or dreamlike idealism. Holgate's works are extremely human, splendidly drawn, and very Indian looking.

ing; so much so that the work of Pegi Nichol, far younger in experience as well as in years, looks immature, although taken by itself it looks good, and there seems no doubt that she is arriving.

Several landscapes by A. Y. Jackson and J. E. H. MacDonald of the "Group of Seven" are remarkable for their effects of distance and height. Each has worked very differently from the other, but the effect in each case is very convincing.

Altogether the show is the best that has ever been hung at the gallery. The selection of the best artists has meant that every picture is worth while, whereas with the ordinary exhibition a lot of very mediocre stuff inevitably gets by.

The Passing Show

Some theatrical producers evidently believe that plays have to be obscene to be appreciated.

Lawrenceville, Indiana, plans to forbid Sunday cooking and also to prevent physicians from answering sick calls on Sunday.

Lawrenceville must hate itself so much it has to be on constant guard lest it poison its own coffee.

Esther says that she'd like to speculate a little on Margin, but first of all she wants to know whether it's a gold mine or just a paper company.

The advent of woman into business proceeds apace: "I hear you are no longer on the stock exchange?" "No. I gave up my seat to a lady."

The modern girl does not hide behind her mother's petticoats. On further thought she does not hide behind her own.

Always a booster for home industries, Derick D. Linden, 60, did not want to sully the name of his city in death and so came from San Diego to Los Angeles to commit suicide.

"I have always boosted home industries," read a note found in a hotel room where Linden hanged himself, "and I also do in my suicide. San Diego has the biggest suicide list in the United States, so I went to Los Angeles."

Wonder how the undertaking industry of San Diego received the news.

Going into business has certainly made women independent. The boss can hardly handle them.

A Newark inventor, it is claimed, has discovered a force to neutralize the force of gravity. We trust he exercised caution when he jumped for joy.

When a man marries a girl she is all the world to him. But he soon finds out what a small world it is after all.

OF GOOD BEER

It is said that the Froth-blowers have been finding it hard to get members for their society in Scotland. The Scots claim that it is such a waste.

Needed inventions: A slide-trombone built on the accordion principle for people who live in small apartments.

The most interesting thing about Mayor Thompson's racket in Chicago is the discovery that there really are some American history books that have a good word to say for the English.

When the wolf is at the door, more children come in the window.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

"The way radio is being perfected is marvellous. I got Turkey on my vest last night."

Talking movies are very fine. But what can be done when a voice in the gallery cries: "Louder!"

Continuous air service across the Atlantic is a dream of the future, says an authority. Yes, we've heard of these trans-Atlantic flights.

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Once we were taught in school of "he, she and it", that "he" was the masculine gender, "she" the feminine gender and "it" the neuter gender. But nowadays, it has been discovered, "he" and "she" are merely different versions of "it".

"Give me a sentence using the word, 'Euripides'."

"Euripides clothes and I'll knock your coco off."

It looks from this distance, like a white Christmas and a wet New Year.

Hal Frank

Sonnet

By Nathaniel A. Benson

THE great strange God made many precious things
To fall as veils and clothe this weary world:
The wave that in the midnight lifts and sings,
The clouds like banners in the dawn unfurled,
The stars, immortal quiet eyes that gaze
Far and impassive, down from Thebes till now,
The many-colored wonder of rich days—
All these are roses bound on life's dark brow.
To us I think the strange God gave that night,
A deep red jewel in our ring of pain
Whose heart shone full in ours with deathless light,
With rapture that may never come again,
Life has her miracles, some false, some true,
The best were that long sweet night and you.



TOO bad the fiscal year doesn't coincide with the calendar year! If it did Mr. Robb would be Santa Claus-in-chief and there'd be no empty stockings, no tears of disappointment before the fire-place this Christmas. Mr. Robb has sleighloads of gifts and good things of all kinds for everybody but the confounded fiscal system doesn't permit him to deliver them in the regular gift and goodwill season. He's compelled to hold them back until around about Easter. If the financial year ended with December smiling postmen would carry the compliments of the justly popular Minister of Finance to every door in the Dominion at the Yuletide. Some of us would come into possession of the first payment on one of the fancy new Fords through a reduction in our income tax. More of us would secure a start toward an account at the broker's office by remission of sales taxes and the consequent cut in the cost of living. Cigarette smokers would henceforth be able to claim more and better premiums from the Imperial Tobacco Company by virtue of the lowering of the excise duty which would permit of larger consumption. Certain manufacturers would be able to afford more exclusive country clubs by the increased tariff protection which Mr. Robb would give them. And communities throughout the country would be sent certificates entitling them to new post offices, customs buildings, docks, breakwaters, and such like. All in all, it would be the most complete Christmas since care-free ante-bellum days. Mr. Robb at the treasury is accumulating a surplus in the country's accounts so fast that he is becoming as nervous over its custody as a Chicago paymaster or a Toronto chain-store manager. And not without good reason, for word of his riches has spread abroad and bandits and hold-up gangs are after him. They raid his office, lie in wait for him in the corridors of the East Block and behind the Laurier bust at the Chateau. He can't call for police protection because the robbers are supporters of the administration—members of parliament and constituency workers to whom news of the flourishing condition of the public finances is a signal for demands for governmental expenditure. So desperate has Mr. Robb become that he has gone so far as to call off the propagandists of the ministry who have sought to glorify it on the strength of the favorable balance sheet resulting from the prevailing national prosperity. He has requested them to suppress for the present their impulse to praise his good works and their predictions of surpluses and tax reductions for every item of the kind sent out of Ottawa brings fresh hordes of hold-up men to the Capital. Mr. Robb was a happier man when he had to struggle and juggle to make ends meet.

THE Minister of Finance being prevented from dispensing the Christmas cheer, the festive season will pass practically unnoticed as regards exchange of greetings and tokens of remembrance between government and people. The members of the House of Commons, however, are not being forgotten by the ministry, which has purchased for distribution to them an excellent and highly useful little book written and compiled by the foremost living Canadian authority on the subject with which it deals. Mr. Arthur Beauchesne, clerk of the House. The work is a compendium of Canadian parliamentary practice. To some of the members it will prove a welcome gift, since it enumerates the new rules of the Commons under which they will escape the late night and early morning sittings which in past years interfered with their enjoyment of the session. To a few, however, the government's Christmas present will bring no joy. Messrs. Woodsworth, Bourassa, Garfield, Heaps, and Cahan will be unpleasantly reminded that this session they will not be allowed to occupy the time of the House for two or three hours at a stretch, but will have to limit their speeches to forty minutes. Some of them, too, will find their opportunities for speaking considerably curtailed by the new rules, since they are deprived of the privilege of loading up the order paper with resolutions the only purpose of which is to give them a chance to make set orations. Messrs. Woodsworth and Bourassa, especially must be saddened by these rules of limitation, for they have seldom in the past been able to deliver to the House all their wisdom on any subject in less than two or three hours. The restriction to be imposed on them will not result in any great loss to the House, however, for the majority of the members generally availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by these long speeches to retire to the lobby or to their private rooms, leaving in the chamber enough to make a quorum and keep the speaker in the chair.

The session has been called for January 26, although, as usual, the government has nothing in the way of legislation prepared for it and unless some internal reformation has taken place is not likely to have much ready by that date. But, also as usual, the Commons will be accommodating and will spend enough time debating the speech from the throne to give the ministry a chance to make up for its procrastination. About the only preparations that are being made against the opening of parliament are in connection with the formal official functions, and these, the word goes forth, are to be more formal than ever. Under the present regime the "court" of Ottawa is becoming steadily more like the royal courts of the old world. Baron Byng, who was recently turned away from a function in London because he wasn't in Windsor uniform, never turned anyone away from his affairs in Ottawa for a similar reason, but the democratic tendencies of his rule are not now considered to be in keeping with the new national status. Ceremony and gold braid are the order of the day. We are no longer a backwoods country where anything goes.

ONE subject of more human interest than those which generally engage the attention of parliament will be on the programme for the coming session and assuredly will produce some serious clashes of opinion. Reference is to the proposal to turn over Ontario divorce cases to the courts of the province. The great bulk of the divorce bills which come before parliament are from Ontario and their number has increased to such an extent that the divorce committee of the Senate can hardly handle them, although it works steadily throughout the session whether the Senate is sitting or not. Last session Senator Willoughby, chairman of the divorce committee, introduced a bill to provide for the removal of Ontario divorce cases from parliament to a provincial court, but for some reason

or other—probably the general desire to shorten the session—nobody in the Commons took up the bill. Similar legislation will be introduced early next session and a strong effort will be made to secure its adoption. It is expected that members who are adherents of churches which oppose divorce will stand out against the proposal. A few years ago it would not have had a chance of passing, but the increasing volume of divorce bills has indicated that something must be done and it seems quite likely that the legislation will be enacted.

THOSE who are familiar with the methods of John Babbington Macaulay Baxter will not attach too much importance to his stentorian outburst against the Canadian National Railways. Mr. Baxter is everlastingly doing battle with somebody or something and his favorite weapons are thundering voice and extravagant phrase. He never rises in his place to say a few words without booming and rumbling like a battery of big guns trained on the enemy. The Canadian National is now his target and the charges he levies against it are but little less severe than those preferred against Germany when she crossed the Belgian frontier in 1914. He pictures it as a monster of Mussolini-Rivera character attempting a dictatorship over Canada, flouting parliament and seeking particularly to enslave New Brunswick. From between his resounding periods one gleams that the *casus belli* is the twenty per cent. cut in freight rates on eastern lines ordered by parliament last session on the recommendation of the Duncan Commission. Mr. Baxter's grievance seems to be (one could get the sense of his remarks better if he would speak a little more mildly) that the Canadian National persists in refusing to comply with the rates reduction legislation to the full extent of parliament's intention, that it is endeavoring to evade part of the reduction by technical interpretations of the act of last session. Perhaps the Maritime Provinces have a grievance in this connection. If they have they shouldn't have to sustain it long. No matter how bitter a burden the rates reduction may be to the Canadian National in its struggle to pull itself out of the hole it has to be granted in full. Technical interpretations of the legislation calculated to save the railway some revenue will not serve, for there can be no question as to what parliament meant when it passed the legislation. It meant that there should be a full reduction of twenty per cent. in the rates covered by the act on the old Intercolonial section of the system. The eastern provinces are entitled to the benefits of the act to the degree that parliament intended. If the railway administration is trying to deprive the provinces of any part of the benefit parliament intended them to have something effective undoubtedly will be heard about it at the forthcoming session. And Mr. Baxter should have been able to approach his purpose by some better method than that of painting the whole railway organization in such dreadful colors.

THE Advisory Tariff Board was created to be an assistance to the government, and particularly to the Minister of Finance, in the equitable revision of the customs tariff, but it now seems calculated to be also an embarrassment. It has brought out in public the facts in respect of the condition of a great number of industries under the existing tariff schedules and in many cases the merits of the applications for increases or reductions appear fairly obvious. If the Tariff Board is reporting to the Minister of Finance its conclusions regarding these cases it should not be hard to guess what the nature of its reports are. With such reports before him, the Minister would have a great deal of difficulty avoiding extensive revision of the tariff schedules without making a farce of the board. Realizing this, congenial opponents of protection have become alarmed as the session and budget time approach. They fear that the government may be virtually compelled to make a number of upward revisions in recognition of the cases made before the board and the board's reports. But they are resourceful, these free trade gentlemen, and they have hit on an idea which they think may save the situation. It is simply that the tariff board should report no conclusions to the Minister, make no formal reports at all. In this way the Minister's difficulties in parliament would be lessened, it is conceived, should political considerations persuade him to ignore the merits of applications for tariff revision. Critics of the government in such event would first demand of the Minister information as to the nature of the conclusions reported to him by the tariff board, and it would soften the situation for him were he able to reply that the board had reported no conclusions, but had merely acquainted him with the terms of the applications and the character of the evidence and argument pro and con. He could not then be accused of ignoring the advice of the board since the board would have given him no advice. Free Trade elements are urging this idea, hoping by its adoption to be able to continue their influence on the course of the government in regard to the tariff. The idea of course is contrary to the purpose for which the tariff board was created. As its name implies, it was created to advise the ministry as to the application of the tariff; it is the Advisory Board of Tariff and Taxation. The scheme of the free trade agitators, who have representatives permanently before the board opposing all applications for upward revision of the tariff, is not a very substantial one. Its adoption would bring the system of tariff investigation into ridicule.

BACK from his visit to Washington, the first act of Premier King was the calling of a meeting of the national advisory committee on the St. Lawrence waterway and power development project for next month. Naturally he doesn't say that this is done to humor Secretary Hoover, but it is to be imagined that Mr. Hoover is congratulating himself on the fortunate chance of the Prime Minister's holiday in the American Capital. The meeting had to be held sometime anyway, since the committee was appointed to consider the reports of the international engineering board and these reports in final form are now ready for consideration, and Mr. King perhaps feels that no harm can result should Mr. Hoover assume because of the calling of the meeting that his persuasive powers have not been wasted. Such an assumption on his part does not necessarily bring the St. Lawrence project any closer to the point of acceptance.

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On Being of the Tribe of Joseph

By Austin Bothwell

WHAT are the qualifications that mark one as belonging to the tribe of Joseph? The dedication of one of this season's books "To . . . of the tribe of Joseph" causes me to wonder. Why is it a distinction to belong to Joseph's rather than to Levi's or Simeon's tribe. It is I suppose due to the fact that Jacob on his death-bed blessed Joseph and his seed forever. This is not to be a sermon but, haply, an essay so I shall content myself with quoting one verse of the dying man's lengthy blessing (they were giants in those days).

"The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren."

"Separate from his brethren"—there we have it. That is the distinction. The author, who dedicates her book to a friend, who, like herself, belongs to the tribe of Joseph, conceives of herself and her friend as being like the Kangaroo, different from all other animals—as possessing certain qualities which alone are qualifications of tribal value à la Joseph.

Since the author is L. M. Montgomery one might speculate—and one will—as to whether those whom L. M. Montgomery includes in her tribe of Joseph are the same persons as Charles G. D. Roberts would include in his, or Nellie McClung in hers, or Stephen Leacock in his, or Robert Stead in his. At one and the same time, to wear the white ribbon and to be able to appreciate Haig and Haig; to condemn "Empty Hands" and to fill one's own; to mix with the millionaires and to sow seeds in Danny; to esteem Henry James; to be a Whitmaniac; no one person however protean could accomplish. It would appear that the tribes of Joseph are as many as there were colors in his coat.

Well, it depends! If we may regard as belonging to the tribe of Joseph those who share our views, put first the first things we put first, follow in the wake of our enthusiasms—for the work of Marcel Proust or Joseph C. Lincoln; for the poetry of H. D. or Edgar A. Guest as the case may be—share our antipathies for jazz or Beethoven; for Thomas Hardy or Ethel M. Dell; laugh at the jokes we laugh at—not Scotch ones. Then indeed the tribes of Joseph have inherited the earth, they are legion.

But there is something wrong with this conception. Our tribe, Smith's tribe, Robinson's, would be in a continual state of flux, if common views were all, or mutual enthusiasms. Conceive Smith to get on in the world, as he so often does; those things he once put first he doesn't put first any longer. If he had the inclination so to do his wife wouldn't let him. She has not now any time for first things, she is too busy cultivating the first persons. No longer do the Smiths feel that they and their friends are "separate" because of their mutual admiration for the poetry of Keats, or liking for long walks in the unspoiled country. They did have such friends once. But they are now to be designated quondam—hateful word!

The Ode to the Nightingale once inspired them, now constantly engaged in keeping up with the Joneses they are haunted by owed to their creditors and their long walks are in pursuit of a white pellet over the smooth shaven sophisticate lawn of the Country Club. There, the tribe of Joseph is very exclusive. You must at least be in the six cylinder class to belong, for without are Fords. You may wear Joseph's coat of many colors there and it will be quite all right if you do not leave that garment behind which he forsook so perilously.

The idea that common interests constitute those who have them a tribe of Joseph may easily be reduced to absurdity. Bridge sharks are not Josephuses though possibly Bohankuses. To possess the qualifications that entitle one to belong to the tribe of Joseph, it is not enough to share enthusiasms, to have similar views.

Perhaps to share a genuine passion, not a complex, is sufficient qualification. To have music in one's heart, to be so keenly interested in the drama as to be willing to stand hours in the queue for the chance to see "St. Joan", to starve for poetry's sake. That makes for separateness. When two or three are gathered together who are passionate pilgrims in search of beauty in any art, is there not constituted a tribe of Joseph? Across the abysses of convention, of fashion, of snobism, that separate man from man, like calls to like when some passionate pursuit is common to each, whether the search for the perfect book or an eagerness to elucidate Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Yet it is plain that the scripture (and here let us be fundamentalists) bases the separateness of the tribe of Joseph on the possession by Ephraim and perhaps also Manasseh of certain moral qualities, of an attitude towards life more admirable than that of the tribe of Dan

for instance. "Dan shall be a serpent in the path, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse's heels so that his rider shall fall backward."

There is a communality that holds together people more tightly than any other. Who never ate his bread with tears enters its pale very rarely. To "belong" here you must have gone down into the depths, wrestled for your soul with agony—had your intelligence awakened to a thousand shades and nuances that escape the prosperous, the materially successful. There must have been times in your life when Thought leapt out to wed with Thought—even the highest and best. You must have won through to a serenity of outlook, be above rancor, envy or jealousy, love all beautiful things, seek and adore them—look past the trumpery gauds of place and power to a far-shining goal whatever it may be. Here is the ultimate fellowship—to fare away home therein is to have lived not in vain.

"The point of honor is the simple secret of the few," wrote Alice Maynell. Yet if one is too snugly conscious of belonging to the tribe of Joseph one doesn't remotely glimpse the point of honor. For, at the end of all, those who are of the tribe of Joseph are precisely those who do not think of themselves as so doing.

There is an novelist whom I have been tempted to admire but something has always acted as a drag on my enthusiasm. It is that she is conscious that she is achieving fine writing. It was therefore with some delight that I read a malicious comment upon her by Rebecca West that no one had ever written so pretentiously since St. Rose of Lima who claimed to write with a feather dropped from the wing of the Holy Ghost.

Modesty is the indispensable. "Thou hast cast down the mighty from their seats And hast exalted those of low degree."

These lines from a poem popular with the instructors of youth in a pre-jazz age—ours—express exactly what happens to the self-consciously superior. It was Ephraim, the younger son of Joseph, upon whom Jacob laid his hand. It is the younger sons, the not-so-gifted, it is the Marthas often, when one had expected it to be the Marys, to whom the "full fair grace" is given to be indisputably of the Tribe of Joseph. Their separateness is not aloofness, they move among us and their very being among us irradiates life. May their tribe increase.

Holy Night

By Nathaniel A. Benson

THE loud tumultuous and troubled world Is laid away this night and wrapped in sleep; Silently stand doubt's banners dumbly furled; And in the sky one Star her watch doth keep With her eternal precious light of faith Streaming all-soundlessly from heaven's portal: Hushed are my questionings, and that poor wraith Of unbelief reborn in faith immortal. White is the moon and diamonded the snow, But whiter burns the truth in my heart's hearth Rekindled with a strange tremendous glow— For He has come again to bless His earth As once He came long centuries ago When man and star stood marvelled at His birth.

A Perfect Stranger

(From "The New Yorker")

IT IS well known that a gentleman who would not think of crossing the lobby of a hotel to offer a drink to a stranger will suggest a nip to the same man if seated across the aisle in a Pullman club car. This curious feeling of good fellowship came upon a business man of this city on a westbound train recently. In flagrant violation of national, interstate and probably other laws, he had openly produced a silver flask and compounded drinks, soon reaching the hearty state in which he believed the occupant of the next seat would like to hear the story of his life and triumphs. The latter, although declining highballs, listened gravely. Finally the loquacious traveler was heard to remark, "Well, it's been a long trip. Probably—heh, heh—longer than a young man like you has often taken. Now myself. . ."

It was at this moment that the porter entered and, addressing the listener, said, "Prett' near Detroit: can Ah brush you up, Commander Byrd?" The widely travelled person was profoundly silent for the first time that day.

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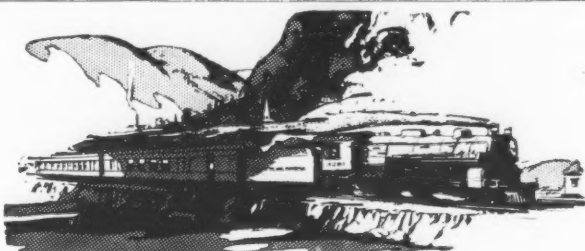
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George Cohan Jests With Stage Wheezes

During the first ten minutes or so of "The Tavern," presented this week at the Princess Theatre, the average play-goer sits in a daze wondering what the badminton proceedings are all about. Finally it dawns upon him that the merryman, George H. Cohan, is having a colossal jest with all the tricks of the melodramatic writers past and present, and is having a laugh at the expense of the audience also. Then everyone enters heartily into the spirit of the harlequinade and enjoys himself immensely. The whole entertainment is of less than two hours duration, but is so intense in its ironical surprises that it is quite long enough, for Mr. Cohan's instinct told him just when to stop. Though Mr. Cohan is not present in person, the spirit of the master theatre technician, the consummate adept in "putting things over," is there every moment of the evening.

The biological history of "The Tavern" is interesting. An American literary lady of romantic mind submitted to Mr. Cohan a turgid play, which it was his first impulse to return. But when he read it more carefully it occurred to him that subjected to a course of treatment it would make a capital travesty. He agreed to produce the play and pay royalties if permitted to re-write it in his own way, and the authoress finally gave consent. The outcome was "The Tavern." It is said that after the dress rehearsal the authoress, who had been invited to witness the transformation in her handwriting, said ironically, "Thank you, Mr. Cohan, for retaining one line of mine." But presently she began to collect song royalties, "to her great content."

Taverns have always been part of the mechanism of melodrama—there is one in "The Ticket of Leave Man," in "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room," in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," in "The Silver King," as well as in most of the French romantic pieces fifty or sixty years ago. A tavern in this instance makes a very picturesque setting for the wild happenings with which we are regaled. And there are many other ancient accessories. The thunderstorm of the old Fitzball melodramas, still, it is said, played in the British provinces, is constantly in progress. The main character and chief mouthpiece of Mr. Cohan's jests is a stray out of the plays of the elder Dion Boucicault; there is a hard and brutal father with the familiar old line "Go to your room"; there is an echo of the old Western melodrama of the seventies in the Sheriff and the reported stage robbery; there is the wronged heroine, who in this instance imagines every man she sees to be her betrayer; there is the boob comedian with constantly reiterated tag and finally there is a liberal infusion of the gun-play, creeping shadows and various devices which go to the making of such modern pieces as "The Bat." Practically every line is lifted from the text of some old play. The whole melange is tossed together with the skill of a juggler who keeps five oranges in the air at once. To assist the picture, characters are clothed in the garb of 1850 and the gloomy atmosphere of "St. Elmo" is evoked to give zest to the satire.

The old melodramas, stagey though they were, had one very important characteristic. They had to be really acted, and demanded both power and personality in their exponents. Mr. Cohan did not overlook this fact, and the company which presents "The Tavern" knows how to be picturesque. It is headed by that skilful, magnetic and versatile actor, Charles Coburn, who plays the quasi-Boucicault role to which allusion has been made, with remarkable humor and charm. Mr. Coburn has the insouciant ease that is only acquired by actors who have enjoyed an early experience in Shakespearean and a fascinating deftness in all that he does. He was the original of old Bill in America, but those who saw him in that role got no idea of his grace of movement and bearing, and the debonair humor of which he was capable.

Mrs. Coburn, a skilful actress, plays the role of the wronged girl, and her scream is certainly a hair-raiser. There are also able performances by Kenneth Moore, Walter Edwin, Philip Hodge, Willis Clark, Edwin Walter, Wanda Carlisle, Virginia Gordon and Edna Von Buelow, all of whom do ridiculous things with the solemnity that is essential to the satire.

Unfamiliar Operas By Verdi

Among the boons which that fine singing organization the Grand Opera Company conferred on the Toronto public was the presentation of two of the finest, but (on this continent) least familiar operas of the Italian genius Giuseppe Verdi—"La Forza del Destino" (1862) and "Otello" (1887). Separated by 25 years in point of time, they illustrate two distinctive periods in Verdi's career—the one his middle period when he had brought purely lyric opera to its highest possible development in tragic intensity; the other his final period when he had abandoned his earlier methods and achieved a form of music drama in which the orchestra became equally important with the voices as a vehicle of emotional expression. "Aida," produced at 38 years of age, illustrates Verdi's transitional phase, when he still



MARTHA MCGRAW
Who has come from Boston as new leading lady with the Malcolm Fessett Players at the Victoria Theatre, Miss McGraw has appeared in many stage successes, among them "The Jest," "Peter Pan" and "The Nervous Wreck." With which company she was in England for several months. Next week she will play opposite Malcolm Fessett in the popular play, "Bought and Paid For."

clung to the beauties of the lyric form but had developed an unexpected command of orchestral resources. After 1859 when he produced "Un Ballo in Maschera," once very popular, Verdi became a very slow workman. He was then 46, and during the ensuing 42 years of his long life composed only five operas: "La Forza del Destino" (1862), "Don Carlos" (1867), "Aida" (1871), "Otello" (1887) and "Falstaff" (1893). Strangely enough in a man of genius his very finest works from the standpoint of modern criticism were the two creations of his old age on librettos derived from Shakespearean texts by his friend and fellow composer Arrigo Boito. That Verdi had commenced to think more about orchestra in middle age, though still clinging to the purely lyric style, is obvious from a comparison of the score of "Il Trovatore" (1853) with that of "La Forza del Destino" separated by only nine years. The orchestral setting of the latter work is much more subtle and distinguished, though but a shadow of what Verdi was destined to achieve in that field.

"La Forza del Destino" was Verdi's introduction to America for it was produced under Commission from the Imperial opera at St. Petersburg. In form it has the profuse variety of scene and looseness of action favored by Russian audiences and evidenced in most of the Russian operas which have of recent years become popular. The original score provided for large ensemble scenes, especially in the act which is laid in a military camp, which were omitted from the local production last week. It also contained a fifth act in which the tragic victim of destiny, Don Alvaro, cast himself from a precipice, but this was later eliminated by Verdi himself. The opera has a very involved plot, founded on a novel by Duke de Rivas, in which Alvaro against his will becomes the slayer of the father and brother of the girl he loves dearer than life. The action is scattered among the inns, camps and monasteries of romantic Spain and Italy. The rare variety of its melodic treatment and the singular beauty of its lyrical episodes, show Verdi the melodist in his prime of inspiration. There is hardly a number which fails to touch the emotions with more refined appeal than some of his earlier and more popular music. Perhaps because the plot is diffuse and hard to follow and there are no numbers so unforgettable as "Miserere" or "Donna e Mobile," "Forza del Destino" never caught the popular fancy in the same degree as "Il Trovatore" and "Rigoletto." It was almost forgotten in America until revived at the Metropolitan Opera House about 1910 as a vehicle for Caruso and Scotti—the chief baritone role being equally important with that of the tenor—and since then certain of its numbers have become very popular on the concert platform. All its principal roles call for good singing of the robust and brilliant order.



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A Novel
Thriller

When Fulton Oursler and Lowell Brentano set out to write "The Spider" they must have appreciated the immensity of their task, for the authors of "The Bat," "The Cat and the Canary," "The Gorilla," and all their prototypes seemed to have gone through the bag of tricks with great thoroughness and to have cleaned it out of every imaginable thrill producer. Certainly the playgoer has been rendered exceedingly blasé and now goes to the theatre dreading the author to "harrow up his very soul with fear and cause each individual hair to stand on end." Oursler and Brentano were apparently not dismayed, however. Left holding the bag, they simply dumped all antecedent mystery plays therein and started all over again. And there is the suspicion, further, that they had several tricks up their sleeves with which to spice the medley. Thus, "The Spider."

The appeal of "The Spider," I think, is in the novelty of its presentation rather than in its essential parts, for these, as I have tried to indicate, have a familiar aspect. When the theatregoer enters the auditorium he has impressed upon him the fact that he has entered a vaudeville theatre—the Tivoli Vaudeville Theatre, no less—and the program begins with a news weekly followed by several very excellent vaudeville acts. So authentic is the atmosphere that on Monday night a party of four seated in front of your correspondent had to be reassured by an usher that they had not got into the wrong theatre. With the presentation of the feature act, "Chartrand the Magician," things begin to happen. A member of the audience is mysteriously shot when the lights suddenly go out and from then on until the final curtain general excitement prevails, most of it in and among the audience.

Personally, while I enjoyed "The Spider" I did not find it as hair-raising as I expected. The nearest approach to that spooky feeling was made during the spiritualistic seance (held to scare the guilty one into making his presence known) when in the pitch-black darkness a phantom tambourine and mandolin chased each other over one's head. This was very well contrived and created considerable tumult. The Young Lady Who Goes With Me to the Theatre hit the nail on the head when she said that bringing the drama into the audience tended to destroy the illusion of reality. The audience is thereby unable to accept events with any great seriousness. Nevertheless "The Spider" ranks among the best of its kind and makes for a very entertaining evening.

The large company which takes part in the offering does very well. William Courtenay, whom one has identified heretofore with the romantic and classical drama, is as handsome and magnetic as ever, and in the strenuous role of Chartrand is highly effective and performs several surprising feats of magic with all the skill and urbanity of the professional. "The Spider" is the current offering at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

Persinger String Quartet

Chamber music of a brilliant order marked the initial appearance of the Persinger string quartet in Toronto when they gave the third concert of the string quartet series at Hart House Theatre on December eighth. Rarely has one heard a string quartet performance of such vitality and color as that of the Persinger on this occasion. The Quartet, which hails from San Francisco, and is highly regarded in the Western United States, reflects, one could not help but feel, the vigour of the American people to an amazing degree. Not that the refinement which one has come to associate with the string quartet was not present. On the contrary, their performance in this regard was above criticism. Indeed, it was as happy an exhibition of vitality under the restraint of art as one could wish for. The quartet excelled in that synchrony of effort so essential to a strong quartet performance and indi-



HOWARD HANSON
Director of the Eastman School of Music and a leading American composer of the modern school.

vidually the players revealed a musicianship of a very high type. Louis Persinger, the first violin, possesses a splendid technique and contrives a luscious tone that is highly appealing, while Walter Ferner, the violoncello, obtains rich and vibrant effects with his instrument. These two were heard to particular advantage in the solo parts of the adagio movement of the Mozart Quartet. Louis Ford, the second violin, is also fine in technique and tone, and in the opening movement of the Hanson Quartet created a strong impression. Nathan Firestone, the viola, formed a capable fourth to a very distinguished unit.

The program offered by the Persinger

String Quartet held a great deal of interest. It was admirably arranged from the point of view of contrast. The first quartet was Mozart's B Flat major, gratefully melodious and harmonically perfect; the second quartet, that of Howard Hanson, the modern American composer, brought one sharply up to the present school with its fascination for dissonance and unexpected rhythm, while the concluding quartet, Debussy's Quartet in G minor, seemed to seek the middle road, retaining, as the advertisement says, the best features of both. It was a program that stimulated not only one's emotion but one's thought.

The Mozart was, of course, deliciously rendered; the adagio above all played in a way that moved one tremendously. Had one heard no more one would have felt the evening well spent.

Howard Hanson was born in Nebraska and received his musical education in the United States. He is now director of the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, and has a number of compositions to his credit. In 1921 he was awarded the Prix de Rome and has come to be regarded as one of the leading American composers. His works have been performed by the leading orchestras on this continent and in Europe. The quartet played by the Persinger reveals him as strongly a modernist with all that implies. The opening movement held to one brief theme introduced by the second violin and carried back and forth between the instruments. The effect of melancholy created was quite disturbing. Suddenly the mood changed and the strings swept into a barbaric storm of rhythm that was immediately suggestive of the North American Indian. So far the composition proved a stirring and intensely interesting one, but toward the close as the composer worked out his themes I felt that his inspiration

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Another Warning of Another World War

"Peace or War?" by Lt. Commander J. M. Kenworthy, M.P., with an introduction by H. G. Wells; Boni & Liveright, McLean, Toronto; 338 pages; \$2.50.

NORMAN ANGELL'S "The Great Illusion" proved that war is no longer profitable, and the Great War bore him out; but, like a theorist, he had also said that "therefore" a great war was impossible; and his book did great harm by lulling to sleep the very class of intelligent business men who alone could have prevented that war by united action on international credit. Then came Keynes with "The Economic Consequences of Peace", showing up the Treaty of Versailles as prolific in the seeds of future wars; everybody believed him, and nobody did anything about it. Last summer I reviewed in these columns Upton Close's "Revolt of Asia", whose central message was that Russia, being deliberately driven out of the European Concert of Nations, was rapidly assuming leadership of a Pan-Asiatic group of awakening nations of tremendous potential power, like China. Lastly, Mr. Kenworthy, a former member of the British Admiralty War Staff, and now a Labor Member of the British House of Commons, has taken up the tale with a complete review of the world situation, pointing out the present multiple causes of wars, predicting, as do Marshal Foch and other authorities, that a world war of unexampled extent and horror is inevitable within the next fifteen or twenty years, and pleading that proper precautions be taken to avert the catastrophe.

As peace propaganda, his book will not be very well received in some quarters, and many critics will scorn the alarms he expresses. But considering the race in armaments that took place before the last war, the present situation is not reassuring: France has the greatest peace army ever assembled; Mussolini is demanding airplanes so numerous "that their wings shall obscure the sun"; following the breakdown of the Geneva disarmament conference last June, Great Britain is spending this year for armaments £115,000,000, or nearly four times the current year's debt payment of £33,000,000 to the United States, which latter sum is felt to be oppressive; and the United States, not to be outdone, has just announced through President Coolidge a budget of over two billion, on which the largest item is the sum of \$622,000,000 for armament.

MR. KENWORTHY repeats Mr. Close's warnings about Russia's Asiatic influence—a situation not altogether of her own making. He further points to the belligerent attitudes of both Italy and France, and the fact that German soil has not been evacuated.

ed by France and Britain according to the Treaty of Versailles. He mentions the Polish Corridor, as one certain cause of war, and the retention by Roumania of the Russian Province of Bessarabia as another. He mentions the opposition of the powers to the union of truncated Austria with Germany, which both those countries want.

The carrying out of the Anschluss program (union of Austria and Germany) might well be the beginning of a great movement to throw down the artificial barriers to trade and free communications in Europe (p. 162).



LT.-COMMANDER J. M. KENWORTHY, M.P.
Author of "Peace or War?" During the war he operated against the German submarines.

Mutual fear and jealousy between Great Britain and the United States worry the author most, because he says that if they agreed on material reduction of armaments they, with Holland, could prevent any large scale war starting by reason of their joint control of the finances, ships, oil, cotton, and so forth of the world.

Those who think in the present state of the world, that war is forever impossible between the United States and Britain, are living in a fool's paradise. It is shutting one's eyes to facts to take it as axiomatic that such a war is impossible (p. 99).

For, he asks, if not to fight each other, against what possible enemy are they building such navies? Individually, they are safe at sea now, and united quite invincible against any combination of powers whatever. Not the least interesting phase is the author's advice to Canada to remain neutral in case of any such fratricidal war. He gives one of the reasons for the breakdown of the Geneva Conference last June as the dominance of "naval experts" (in other words, the admirals of the respective fleets) at the sessions, wisely saying that we must not look to professional fighting men to lead the way to peace by arms reduction.

It would be as sensible to summon a conference of bookmakers and jockies

to limit or abolish horse-racing as it is to gather together the Admirals and Generals of any nation to limit or abolish armaments. Their who's training is in the opposite direction. To expect these gallant officers to welcome armament reduction is to expect too much of frail human nature (p. 218).

THE author is disappointed in the breakdown of the League of Nations as an instrument to stop major wars. Worst of all, he says, is the quiet but persistent propaganda going on in all civilized countries through the films and the press to prepare the populations for an outbreak of hostilities.

Peace is not being preached. War is being glorified and its locality and justification accepted as a matter of course. And until the very idea of war is regarded with the same horror as murder and rape, the danger of its outbreak, even between the two most advanced and powerful nations in the world, will be with us (p. 121).

Finally, he draws certain pictures of what the next war will be like, quoting liberally from military experts the world over. It will, he says, be a world war, and not localized. First class battle ships no longer seek each other, and the result would not be decisive even if one side sank all the ships of the other side. Jutland was the only occasion in the last war when first class ships faced each other, and that was somewhat of an accident. Dreadnoughts are too costly (£7,000,000 to \$8,000,000 each) to be risked that way. Their hitting power is enormous, but they are themselves very vulnerable. The best way to use them is against smaller vessels or coast towns. Fighting planes will be in action by the thousand, each with greater carrying capacity than in the last war, and equipped with bombs loaded with high explosives, poison gases, and disease germs. All civilized countries have now perfected these things to use against enemy civilian populations. Just as in the last war the artillery shot at the enemy trenches rather than at each other, the bulk of hostilities on either side in the next war will be directed against the chief cities of the other side. Infantry will disappear as cavalry have already done, and will be replaced by one-man whippet tanks armed with machine guns, and aircraft in clouds. It is a pretty picture, containing at least one bright spot: those who make war will be in it, for we will all be in it, inescapably.

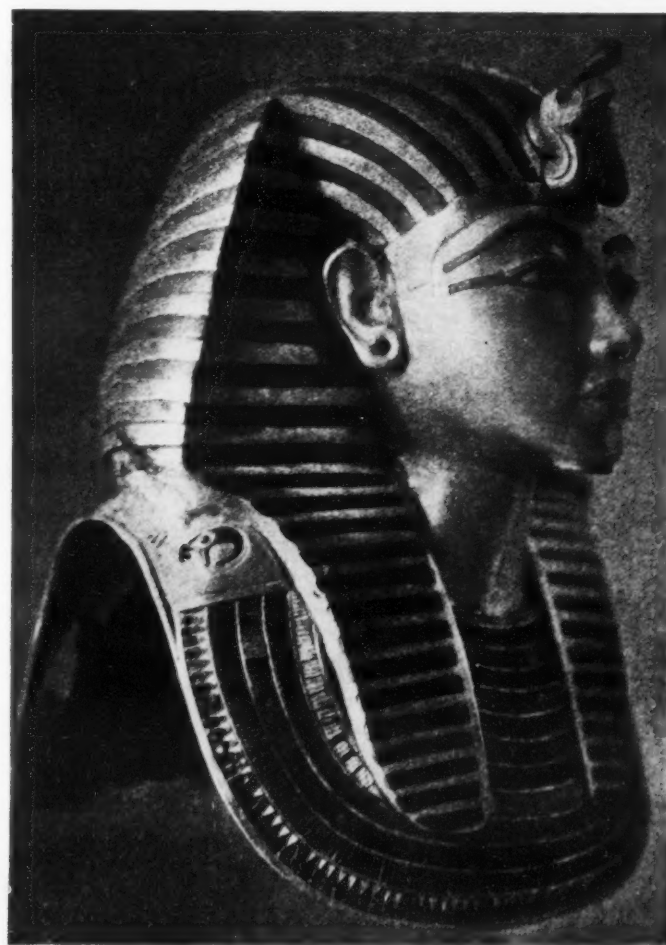
Wells, in the Introduction, speaks out of a cynicism of which I did not believe him capable. He says when he wrote "The War in the Air" and other stories he never believed these things would come to pass; he was just letting his imagination play; he believed the world would come to its senses and abolish war before the holocaust. Now he knows better; humanity has not enough foresight; it is headed fast for the next, and greater war, and will destroy itself in it.

Down Again Into Egypt

"The Tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen, The Second Volume" by Howard Carter; Doran, Toronto; 408 pages; illustrated with 153 photographs; \$5.

TUT-ANKH-AMEN, the boy King of Egypt, has been dug up, it seems, almost as long as he had been buried. The discovery of his tomb created a vogue in women's dress—now forgotten. Now, years after the excitement is over, comes the second volume by Howard Carter, telling exactly what was in that tomb. I am not going to review the book for the sufficient reason that as a newspaper topic King Tut is deadlier than ever: interest has subsided, for the inadequate reason that everyone thinks he knows all about the discovery. That impression is quite fallacious, and so I wish to speak (very briefly, because nobody will pay any attention) about the contents of the Second Volume. For really it holds an interest that the first one never did: that just prepared the way. This one details the steps taken in the actual penetration into the tomb, the removal of the precious objects of art, and the extracting of the remains from their three coffins—the inner one of solid gold, beautifully chased—and even from the mummy wrappings until the body itself, in a fair state of preservation, is exposed to view. This book, in short, is the meat of the whole story. Public excitement was roused and died down before the climax was reached at all.

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TUT-ANKH-AMEN

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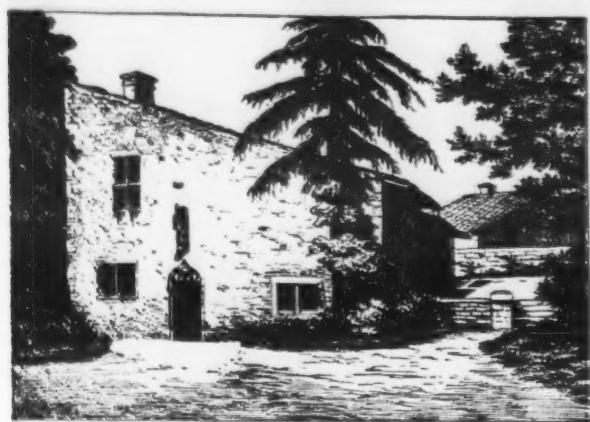


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an exquisitely wrought cosmetic jar. And certain famous antiquarian experts have contributed short explanations of value.

Life and Works of Anatole France

"Anatole France, the Parisian" by Herbert Leslie Stewart. Dodd, Mead, Toronto: 384 pages: \$3.

OF THE half dozen books on Anatole France that have appeared since his death, that of Professor Stewart of Dalhousie University is the most comprehensive and the most thorough. Beside it, M. Brousson's volume of scandalous anecdotes seems very frothy and inconsequential. Professor Stewart's book is a critical biography with all the academic virtues of concision and precision, documentation, careful, logical thinking and an admirably judicious attitude. In presentation, it is well arranged, compact, solid—a scholarly and valuable work. The author has been chiefly and properly concerned with the psychology of his subject. He examines France's backgrounds and the influences that played upon him; his ideas on a variety of leading themes, as expressed in his writings at various periods. He points to lines of development of thought, to inconsistencies, to defects, to virtues and powers, prudently buttressing his opinions and conclusions with quotations and citations. These patient, well-reasoned pages may well stand for a long time without need of any revision. Academic also is the obvious virtue of caution, which, in a serious study of these proportions is a cardinal virtue indeed. But then, Canada being what it is, there is more than one lively reason why any Canadian writing at length on a subject like Anatole France must be regarded as one distinguished by conspicuous

valor, no matter with what safeguards he hedges whatever opinions he expresses.

In an analytic work of this kind the casual reader need not look for any particularly degree of entertainment. Those seeking a bright, easily read, amusingly written, yet reasonably authoritative account of Anatole France's life and works would be better advised to obtain J. Lewis May's biography, which appeared just before France died.

Austen Drawings for France

"The Gods are Athirst" by Anatole France, with twelve full-page plates in color by John Austen. The Bodley Head Macmillan, Toronto: 282 pages: \$2.

ANATOLE FRANCE was 50 when he wrote "The Gods are Athirst" and it therefore represents him, as a novelist, at the height of his powers, though it is not in all respects a typical book, nor does it stand either among his more ambitious or his more popular ones. It was first published in English in 1915, and has since passed through six editions. The reason the seventh edition attracts notice is that it contains a dozen striking pictures by John Austen by way of illustration, and to do these honor paper and binding have been brought up to de luxe standard, the volume being a very handsome one for gift purposes. Mr. Austen's art is quite distinctive, and his paintings more than decorate the text; they help to tell the story. This is particularly true of "The Bloody Minded Lover" and the "Amorous Girl," that serves as frontispiece, and "Citizen Brotteau in the Bread Line," that is a fine character study and delicately underlines a bit of history.

The novel, as most of France's admirers must know by this time, is a

grimly satiric narrative of the Reign of Terror that followed, or was a part of, the French Revolution. In it is offered a dramatic denunciation of mob violence, not so much by describing the farcical proceedings of the Tribunal or the horrors of the guillotine, as by following the career of Evariste Gamelin, a painter, who became one of the magistrates who sent the innocent to the scaffold in droves. The cruelty of fanaticism is personified by this zealot who became so blind to the ordinary emotions of pity that he had his brother-in-law beheaded, and stood ready to see his sister follow her husband. There is no more telling touch in all France's works than the way Gamelin's love-affair is made to dovetail into his daily work. He spends his nights in passionate orgies to dull his memories, without a particle of affection for his partner, not even, at times, being really conscious of her presence. Towards the end, he is troubled with nightmares. Finally, in a desperate revulsion from his former heartlessness, this monster joins the gallant few who are trying to stem the tide of blood, and is himself guillotined.

It is a very terrible book, and one of the most straightforward least reflective novels he wrote. Professor Stewart, in his critique, touches on the fact that the Russian Bolsheviks, with whom the author sympathized, might have been dismayed to read this expression of his disgust with revolutionary methods, and ironic disbelief in the efficacy of those methods. The truth seems to be that France believed in emancipation and liberalizing influences, but naturally abhorred the cruelty and injustice, which has frequently attended large scale emancipations in all countries.

Loving During the Terror

"The Nuptials of Corbal" by Rafael Sabatini. McClelland & Stewart, Toronto: 194 pages: Illustrated: \$2.50.

"The Nuptials of Corbal" bears about the same relation to Sabatini's other work that "My Lady Carriette" bears to Fernald's. "The Nuptials of Corbal" is a novelette, slight and pretty, built on a time honored pattern for a love story between aristocrats, amid dangers that provide occasions for daring and scheming and dashing conduct generally. In its class, it stands well enough, and is a timely publication, because it furnishes one of the safest books that can be given away at Christmas. It is by a first class writer; it is not "seen"; it cannot offend anybody's prejudices; and it will not be too hard for anybody to understand.

Beside Anatole France's "The Gods are Athirst," "The Nuptials of Corbal" supplies a very sketchy background of the days of the Terror following the French Revolution. The scaffold with its blood-stained guillotine is kept carefully just outside the picture, and most of the action is far away from Paris in a sweet country air that is more conducive to longevity than the atmosphere of the metropolis on the banks of the Seine. There is a very sweet and tender heroine, a daughter of the aristocracy who shows plenty of courage and responsive enough to marry the hero after 24 hours' acquaintance to save him from the wrath of the Tribunal, of course she loved him too, and the match was in every way suitable. Not is that essential of the standard



ANATOLE FRANCE

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THE truth is, of course, that the "Boy's Own" had not disappeared at all. I had just lost track of it for about 25 years, and now in the course of duty meet it again. But, far from looking tawdry and insignificant now, I am sure that, while it follows its ancient style, it is a better edited and printed book than the ones I, as

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MUSIC&DRAMA

had begun to fall him. However, it is impossible to judge a modern work on first hearing. It has to be heard again and again.

The program concluded with the Debussy quartet, which is Debussy about as fascinating as he can be. The second movement with its captivating rhythmic effects and the third movement in which the music seemed to be dissolved of all gross forms and to have returned to its essence were among the pleasantest events of the evening.

Hal Frank

Bed Room
Classic
Review

Beds and pajamas seem to retain their perennial charm across the footlights.

In an age of more potent dramas, when a spade is often most vehemently and unmistakably a spade, it is refreshing even though remarkable to note the success which is greeting Malcolm Fasset's perambulation of that venerable vehicle, "Twin Beds" at the Victoria Theatre this week. For most people twin beds have become as accepted facts as milk bottles or motor cars; daily they stare unblushingly and unhumorously from store windows—but put them on the stage and the giggling starts.

And so "Twin Beds" has become something of a phenomenon of the theatre. Once upon a time it may have been naughty, but now it is clean, even behind the ears. If there is anyone left who does not know the story, suffice it to say that the piece reveals twin beds as an innovation, and relates with gusto the Machiavellian effects which these devices may have had upon a home, largely because a gentleman whose libations have impaired his memory decides to infest the wrong one for a night. And is this funny? Monday night's waves of laughter ran continually on the heels of the actors' lines.

"Twin Beds" in keeping with the usual Fasset standards, is well staged, and Samuel Godfrey as Signor Monti, the harassed and unwitting near home-wrecker, scores one of his greatest successes of the season. "Twin Beds" also serves to introduce to Toronto theatre-goers Martha McGraw, Mr. Fasset's new leading lady, a vivacious and appealing young woman, lately from the cultural fastnesses of Boston. Miss McGraw's familiarity with her role, her extremely capable and human interpretation and her delicate beauty not only enhanced "Twin Beds" but should prove a continued attraction for the Victoria Theatre.

As usual, this week's offering is given excellent support by Hal Thompson and Betty Brough, while Viola Roache remains an inimitable maid-servant, Helen Gilmore, in the somewhat unusual capacity of the "hard boiled" wife of the errant Monti, reveals real skill, while Mr. Fasset is as popular as ever as the perturbed husband. "Twin Beds" furnishes a tried and true recipe, and this week should be one of Mr. Fasset's best.

H. W. M. M.

Light
Humor Well
Dished Up

"Tommy," this week's offering at the Empire Theatre, is pretty light stuff, but it is clever and amusing and exceedingly well handled by the New Empire Company. Tommy of the title role is a nice youth, who has so thoroughly ingratiated himself with the parents of the girl of his heart that everybody approves of the match, and there consequently seems to be no romance to it, in the girl's eyes. Urged on every side to wed the model youth, the girl rebels and turns to another suitor, and things look bad for the ultimate happiness of both Tommy and the girl, who, of course, really loves him. However, the lass's shrewd uncle takes a hand in the game and persuades the rival suitor that he could advance his suit by doing more to please the parents and Tommy; that the girl would like him better if he were not so generally popular. The action of the play deals with the complications that result from following the uncle's advice and provides a great deal of fun for the audience. This little summary possibly suggests the ordinary farcical comedy, but "Tommy" in truth, is a very human little play, and the work of the players shows that they are fully conscious of the fact. Miss Taliaferro, as the girl who does not want the path of love to be too smooth, adds another to her long list of successes, while Frank E. Camp, as the shrewd uncle, and Edmund Abbey as the father who favors the suitor who brings the most cigars, give very finished and convincing representations of their respective characters. Robert Leslie, as Tommy, the model young man, is seen possibly to greater advantage than in any recent offering by this company. Jane Aldworth as the mother, and House Baker Jameson as the rival suitor are also thoroughly pleasing.

F. M. R.

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The feature screen attraction will be Esther Ralston in "The Spotlight."

THE Harvard Glee Club, which will appear in a Recital in Convocation Hall University of Toronto, on the evening of December 27th, 1927, has built up for itself in the short space of seven years an enviable artistic reputation in both the United States and Europe, and is now recognized as one of the ablest choral organizations in the country, if not of the world.

The Glee Club programmes are devoted entirely to good music, ancient and modern, such as the church pieces of Palestrina, Lotti, Vittoria, or Bach, followed by compositions of Gluck, Mendelssohn, Schumann, and Brahms, as well as those of the Modern French and Russians; then possibly a group of folk songs, and a chorus of Handel, Wagner or Beethoven for the final number.

In addition to an annual tour including the larger musical centres of the East and Middle West, the Glee Club gives each year a series of concerts in Symphony Hall, Boston. Two seasons ago, with the assistance of the Boston Symphony, it presented the Brahms "Requiem" to two capacity houses. Last season the Ninth symphony of Beethoven was done with equal success.



MISS MOLLY MOONEY
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mooney, of Port Arthur, who leaves for England next month to study music at the Royal College of Music, where she has been awarded the scholarship for all-Canada, carrying with it a three-years' tuition course. Miss Mooney is a soloist with the Port Arthur Women's Choir, and has won honors for two years at the Winnipeg Music Festival.

"THE Last Waltz," a European picture production taken from the famous Shubert stage success, which ran at the Century Theatre in New York, is the feature screen attraction at the Uptown, commencing to-day, and continuing next week.

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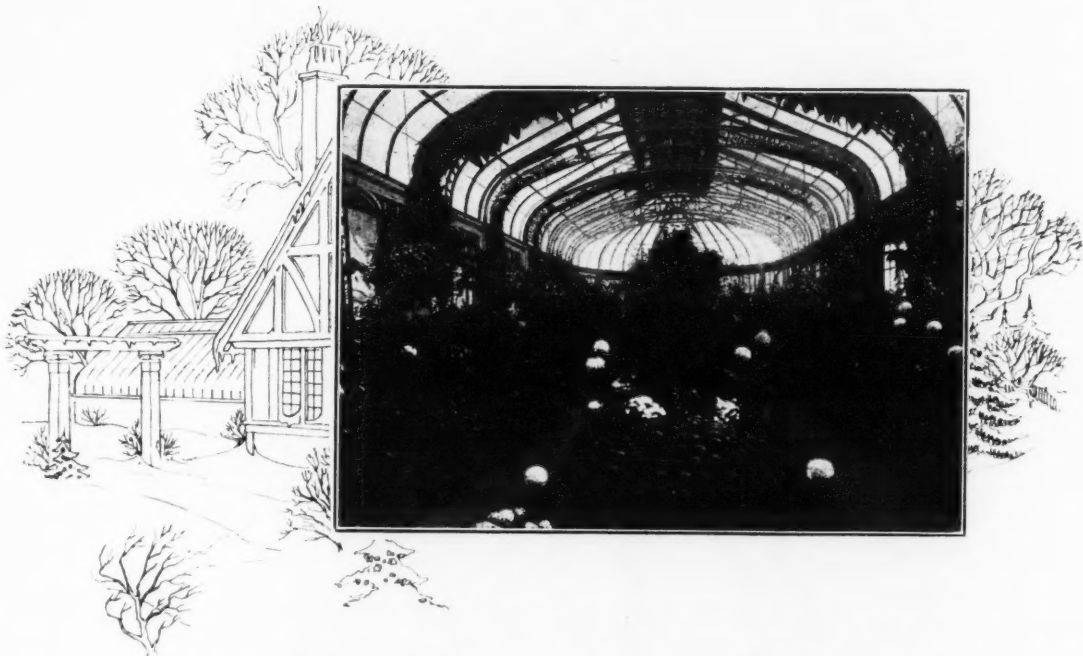
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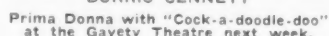
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"Alice in Wonderland" will appear at Hart House Theatre from December 26 to December 31.

The "Peck-A-Doode Do," the next attraction coming to the popular Gayety Theatre, John Bedini has a candidate for favor which, it is expected, will rival the popularity of "Chuckles," "Puss Puss," "Peck-A-Bo" or other Columbia "Wheel" seasons. It was Bedini who brought to stardom in musical comedy Clark & McCullough, two shining examples of progress from beginning in Scraper's early travesty and exuberance. Bedini, being a comedian, and "Peck-A-Doode Do" will brilliantly perpetuate his reputation for big and classy productions in which girls dominate, and in which comedy and novelty stand forth to an exceptional degree. The new Bedini offering represents on the stage a typical New York variety show. The chief comedian will be Charles Watson, an eccentric fellow of inventive proclivities. The prima donna will be Dorris Sennett, the ingenue Vinnie Phillips.

DURING the great trek of the North-west Mounted Police that began at Fort Garry, on the banks of the Red River in Manitoba, in the early summer of 1871, the three troops of mounted riflemen destined to patrol upon an average of 10,000 square miles per man met with many adventures and discouragements. Uncharted prairies and mighty rivers lay between the starting point and the destination of the Queen's intrepid "pony soldiers." The cavalcade started out with supplies to carry them, supposedly, to the end of their journey. Loss of time, unforeseen difficulties, and strenuous hardship reduced the Mounted Police to a state verging upon starvation long before they had crossed the first great level plain.

Trailfire fires had swept all game from the route over which their journey lay. Their horses and cattle became weakened and finally exhausted. When in the neighborhood of Cypress Hills, an officer of Police "crossed the road" at the newly surveyed International Boundary Line was called, journeying south to Fort Benton, then the head of navigation on the Missouri River. While purchasing supplies the officer met a Scotch-Beigan half-breed by the name of Jerry Potts, and employed him as a guide and interpreter, to lead the Police out of the difficulties with which they were surrounded.

The story of Jerry Putts has since become one of the most spectacular and wonderful of any character associated semi-officially, with the Mounted Police. Jerry, as he was familiarly called, possessed that sureness born of instinct in all matters pertaining to the lore of his native heath. His matchless abilities as interpreter and scout rapidly placed him firmly in the affections of the entire Force. Jerry brought with him his favorite saddle horse, "Two-Spot," and together they served faithfully with the Northwest Mounted Police for unwards of a generation.

The part of Jerry Potts is played by Joseph Flieger, of Williams Lake, B.C. who holds several Provincial Championships as a cowboy and horseman. Jerry and Two-Spot form a pair that will delight the eye of every adventure loving boy, and filming of the scene in which the redoubtable Jerry and his equally redoubtable horse took part provided the Director and the entire cast of *Policing the Plains* with endless excitement and thrills.

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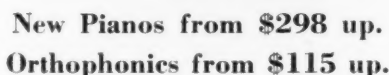
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Aloysius Horn is a Real Person

From an interview with Mrs. Watermeyer.

By J. E. McEwen.

"No, I'm sorry, I simply can't for I am very busy." So Mrs. Ethelreda Lewis refused invitations to bridge parties, missionary meetings, teas, dinners, in fact all invitations that came to her.

For a long time she offered no further explanation than "I'm busy," but one day, for the work had gone along exceedingly well, she confided to her friend, Mrs. Watermeyer, that she had "discovered" an interesting old man and "he's making my next book for me."

The interesting old man was Aloysius Horn and just how successfully he had made Mrs. Lewis' book, Mrs. Watermeyer did not know until she and her husband stopped at Estevan in Saskatchewan on their journey across Canada. Mrs. Watermeyer paused at a book stall to select a magazine, and then looking up at her was the name of one of her best friends in Johannesburg, Mrs. Ethelreda Lewis.

Before Professor and Mrs. Watermeyer left South Africa three months ago they knew that Mrs. Lewis' book had been published, but what they did not know was that it had run into four editions and that it was topping the lists of "best sellers." They found that in the little town of Estevan, and from the eager questioners who gathered about them when they remarked that they knew the editor of "Aloysius Horn," the Watermeyers think that Mrs. Lewis' book will continue "to lead the procession."

Of course the first questions were not about the editor, but about the white-haired, long bearded man. Is he real?

"Indeed, yes," Mrs. Watermeyer is most emphatic. "Mrs. Lewis told me about him, how he came to her verandah, and how, in a weary voice, he asked her to examine his wares, and how by mere chance, she slipped on the story."

The next question—but could he have been a lion-hunter, friend of cannibals, and an explorer, and now be a Johannesburg peddler?

"Quite easily," Mrs. Watermeyer explained, "for he lives in Johannesburg, a city of many, many peddlers, and a city that has swarmed with adventurers."

And the final questions, I asked eagerly—have you met Aloysius Horn and what is his name?

"No," Mrs. Watermeyer answered regretfully. "I have not met this particular peddler, but apart even from my friend's description of him, I know he exists. He is so typical of the disappointed, beaten-out traders that drift into the city for the last years of their lives."

Then about Mrs. Lewis herself—a dreamy-eyed, middle-aged woman, who four years ago surprised her friends by remarking, "I am publishing a novel this year." That first book, "The Harp," was decidedly popular in South Africa. The book which followed it within a year, "The Flying Kite," was read with pleasure by her friends, but even her friends are amazed at the fascinating manner in which she has "set out" the life story of Aloysius Horn.



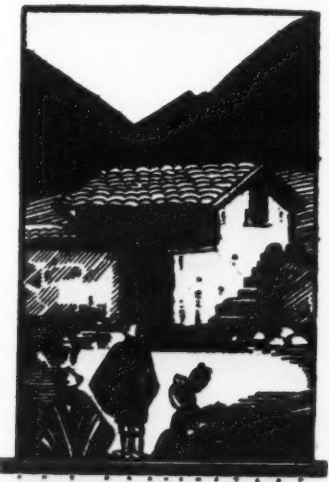
Hasty comment, pertinent and impertinent.

Ireland and the Foundations of Europe by Benedict Fitzpatrick (Funk & Wagnalls, New York, \$1). The author of "Ireland and the Making of Britain" continues his story, this the second volume of it, showing the great debt Britain and Europe generally owe Ireland for the latter's splendid work as a cultural agent during the Middle Ages.

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte, introduction by Valentine Dobric (Knopf-Macmillan, Toronto, \$1). Just added to the "Borzo Classics" this masterpiece of all the Brontës is perennially popular. In its good binding and on its rich, cream-colored paper, the novel looks extremely well. It is a beautiful piece of bookmaking.

The Promised Land by Ladislav Reyment, translated from the Polish by Michael H. Dziewicki (Knopf-Macmillan, Toronto, 2 vols., \$5, boxed). Another long piece of fiction, very like in spirit, this author's major work, "The Peasants." The newly translated novel, "The Promised Land," is a tragedy, showing the peasant transplanted and destroyed in industry.

The Quest of Youth by Jeffery Farnol (Oyerson, Toronto, \$2). Here is another man who has got down to a formula. "The Broad Highway" was fine, fresh stuff twenty years ago; the latter books are merely imitations and therefore bad. That he can't write a modern novel at all was proved by "The Definite Object"; but in "Beltane the Smith" he showed he could do a



BY AMY DREVENSTEDT
One of the decorations for "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," a tale of Colonial Peru, by Thornton Wilder (A. & C. Boni-Irwin, \$2.50).



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A book about tobacco and smoking, by A. E. Hamilton, (Century, \$2.50).

rousing medieval one. If he's got no more originality in him, it's too bad he doesn't vary the schedule by imitating "Beltane" once in a while instead of doing the endless repeats on "The Broad Highway."

Prejudices: Sixth Series (Knopf-Macmillan, Toronto, \$2.50). Casual perusal of this volume persuades me that what is wrong with Mencken is that he lacks the capacity for growth. Barring slight surface differences, he is saying to-day exactly what he was saying fifteen years ago, and in almost the same words.

The Wayward Man by St. John Ervine (Macmillan, Toronto, \$2.50). The author of "John Ferguson" now offers the story of a sailor, the wild sea parts being contrasted with the quiet life of his family at home.

A Good Woman by Louis Bromfield (Stokes-Eyerson, Toronto, \$2.50). This is the only current American novel that is anything like keeping pace with "Jahna" in sales. It has hit its sixth thousand. It is not, however, for the jaded appetite; it is sufficiently like many other novels so that some feel Mr. Bromfield's tale a little long-drawn-out, and tiresome. What it seems to lack is what used to be called inspiration: it is flat and pedestrian.

The Message of the Carillon, and Other Addresses by the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King (Macmillan, Toronto, \$2). The public speeches of Canada's present Prime Minister included in this book go back many years in certain cases, but most of them are of recent delivery—such as that at the opening of the International "Peace" Bridge at Buffalo, and that at the unveiling of the Laurier Statue at Ottawa, both of which were events of August, 1927.

The Girl in White by Albert Bigelow Paine (Macmillan, Toronto, illustrated, \$3). Splendidly simple and yet full history of Joan of Arc, specially written for younger readers. Adult readers will also like it, though the account is an expurgated one. Strongly recommended for children.

They Also Serve by Peter B. Kyne (Copp Clark Co., Toronto, \$2). War story of a cow-boy's horse that served in France and met a soldier's death in the field. The horse narrates his own story in fluent, colloquial Yankee slang. It is, of course, the purely American War that is described. The horse helped win it.

Wallflowers by Temple Bailey (Penn Publishing Co.-Copp Clark, Toronto, \$2). Having received the "Clean Book League's" accolade for his novel "The Dim Lantern," Temple Bailey's books may be relied on as free from the sex taint or anything of a disturbing nature.

Turbine by Sir Gilbert Parker (Copp Clark, Toronto, \$2). Novel written around the actual career of a famous card gambler.

New England's Outpost by John Bartlet Brebner (Columbia University Press, 2960 Broadway, New York City, \$1.50). As a result of four years' research, the author has brought out this history of Acadia before the conquest of Canada to prove that the responsibility for the cruel expulsion of the Acadians belonged to New England and not to Great Britain. The author is Assistant Professor of History at Columbia University.

A Pilgrimage to Palestine by Harry Emerson Fosdick (Macmillan, Toronto, \$2.50). This modernist Baptist minister, who caused so much trouble in the United States because he accepted a call to a Presbyterian Church in New York, has written an interesting book, whose purpose is to bring the scene of Jesus's public ministry vividly and realistically before the reader. Of the present-day ceremonial washing of feet on Maundy Thursday, he says: "One spectator at least felt little of Christ's only Christianity."

The World Talks It Over by Bart Price (Henske, New York, \$1.75). Written wholly from the American standpoint, and for home consumption, this book says that the League of Nations is the result of the 150 year old peace movement in the United States, and explains why that country is not officially in the League, and just how far they are unofficially in it.

The Mosaic Enigma by Columbia Boyer (Henske, New York, \$2). An American detective story.

A Yankee Passenger by Samuel Gennitz (Boni & Liveright-McLean, Toronto, \$2.50). A novel. An undertaker's assistant, after due sin, becomes a Roman Catholic, and as a servant of the Cross sees the seamy side of life.

Rebellion by Mateel Howe Farnham (Dodd, Mead, Toronto, \$2). Two years ago the first Dodd, Mead-Pictorial Review contest for a first novel was won by Martha Ostenso with "Wild Geese." Her successor is Miss Farnham, whose story is of a girl's rebellion against her father. The family had moved from Virginia to Kansas. The jacket says: "The choice of 'Wild Geese' resulted in the discovery of a new American author of first rank in Martha Ostenso," and goes on to indicate that Miss Farnham's performance also is "remarkable."

Left on the Labrador by Dillon Wallace (McClelland & Stewart, Toronto, \$1.75). A novel-length story of adventure for boys of teen ages. All Dillon Wallace's stories are good.

Super Park: The Model Recreation Ground of the Province of Ontario by J. P. Jaffray. (Publisher unknown, price unknown). The title is self-explanatory, and the pamphlet looks like a tastefully printed bit of town boosting by an enterprising Council.

Leaves of the Sybil by Cecil Francis Lloyd (Author, 495 Victor St., Winnipeg, price unknown, probably 50c). Nice booklet of promising verse.

The Moon's Birthday by Dorothy Rowe (Macmillan, Toronto, beautifully illustrated in color, \$2). More stories about Chinese children for white children aged 6 to 8. Written by an American missionary. Original and good.

As the Crow Flies by Cornelia Meigs (Macmillan, Toronto, illustrated, \$1.75). Historical novel for teen aged boys and girls. The scene is the Mississippi in Indian days.

Mother's Way by Margaret Ashmun (Macmillan, Toronto, \$1.75). Novel-length story for juveniles, about a boy and girl of 15 who were left alone for a whole summer to keep house and amuse themselves.

Bald But Not Bad

69 Richmond West, Toronto, Dec. 30.

The Editor, The Literary Section, The SATURDAY NIGHT.

Dear Sir, In your Literary Section of November 26, my review of Elizabeth Madox Roberts' book, "My Heart and My Flesh," reads, at the beginning of the second paragraph, "Badly told the narrative is concerned with," etc.

The review should read, "Badly told," etc. There is a difference in meaning. I have far too much respect for Miss E. Madox Roberts' work to permit this error to pass without comment, and I would appreciate it if you would print this correction.

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The Respectable Lady by Katharine Tynan (William Collins, 48 Pall Mall, London, S.W.1., \$2). Well, the Clean Book League ought to patronize a novel with a title like that.

The Midnight King by George Delamare (Henske-Allen, Toronto, \$2). A novel translated from the French of a woman-hater, and the woman that, of course, he fell for terribly hard.

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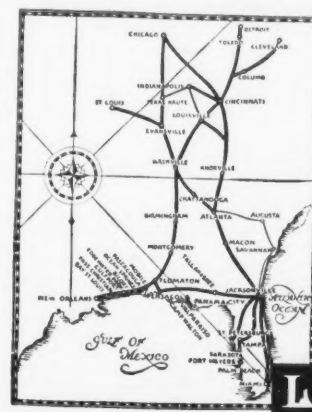
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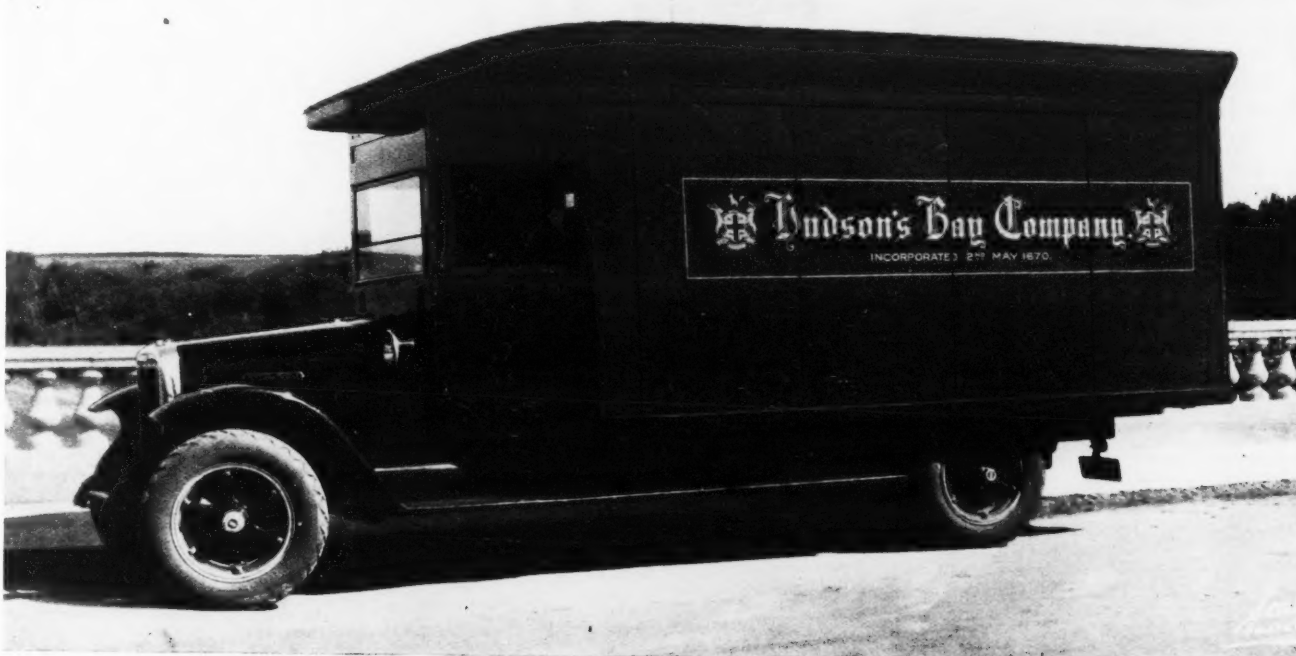
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Bon Mots of Bishops

ARCHBISHOP MAGEE once stated that there were two qualifications necessary to the holder of the episcopal office, the first being to suffer fools gladly, and the second to answer letters by return of post; but he might well have added a third in the shape of a gift of humor. What could have been more delightful than his own quiet remark when a careless waiter dropped some hot soup down his neck: "Is there any layman present who will kindly express my feelings?"

Another great clerical humorist was Bishop Stubbs of Oxford. On one occasion a church-warden complained to him that the curate of his church wore a hood somewhat like that of an Oxford M.A., a degree that he did not possess. "The man has a lie upon his back, my Lord," said the angry churchwarden. "Don't say that, Mr. Jones," replied the Bishop. "Say a falsehood."

At another time the learned prelate was walking down the street the morning after the banquet when he met a solicitor friend who had sat by him the evening before and who somewhat solicitously inquired if he got home all right. The Bishop looked slightly surprised at the question, but at once added, with an apparent gleam of comprehension, "Oh, thank you, yes; it was only my boots that were tight."

To another somewhat worrying clergyman of his diocese who once asked for leave of absence for three months in order to visit the Holy Land, he sent the following characteristic reply: "My dear Smith, Go to Jericho. Yours ever, W. Oxon."

With all their humor, however, our Bishops are in the main strict disciplinarians and do not spare the clergyman who fails in his duty. Archbishop Magee had a great horror of what he called "weak and water sermons," and when a sermon of this description had once been preached in his presence he bluntly told the preacher that it had "not enough guts in it to save the soul of a tom-tit." On another occasion Bishop Blomfield had fallen foul of one of his clergy on a question of ritual. The clergyman, in defending his practices, wrote quoting the authority of St. Ambrose, to which the Bishop replied in the following crushing manner: "Sir, St. Ambrose was not the Bishop of London, and I am. Yours etc., Wm. Lond."

In days of old it is to be feared that many of our Bishops were more intent on securing the well-paid positions of life than they were in attending to their legitimate duties. A one-time Bishop of Exeter very much desired the valuable bishopric of Durham, and at a time when both Bishops were residing in London, Durham fell ill, whereupon his brother of Exeter sent each day to make inquiries. Durham, at first unsuspecting, at last gauged the motive, and finally one day said to the messenger, "Tell your master that I am much better, but that the Bishop of Worcester has a sore throat if that will do us well."

And in this struggle for power and place it has sometimes happened that a sermon with an appropriate text has gained for the preacher some coveted office. An instance of this was Dr. Mountain, who, during the reign of George II. held the bishopric of Durham. It happened that at this time the metropolitan see of York fell vacant, and the King, not knowing whom to appoint, consulted Dr. Mountain. Shortly after this, the

doctor had to preach before the King, and he took as his text:—

Hadst thou faith as a grain of mustard seed, thou wouldst say to this mountain "be removed hence and cast into the sea."

He was promised the archbishopric.

To the child the gaitered dignitary is not always the imposing person that he is to us who have attained to riper years. Bishop Alexander, on one occasion seeing a little boy trying in vain to reach up and ring a bell, kindly did it for him. "Now run," said the boy.

On another occasion a little girl asked a well-known Bishop to open a gate for her, which he at once did. "Why did you ask me to do that?" he queried. "Because it's just been painted," came the reply.

Bishop Short, of St. Asaph's, was once questioning some children, and in the course of his queries asked them, "Now can you tell me who I am?" Remembering some previous instruction, they shouted with one accord, "Please, sir, you are a miserable sinner."

But sometimes it happens that even grown-ups are, through ignorance, guilty of this lack of reverence. Archbishop Temple loved healthy singing, and once, when Bishop of London, passing a mission church, he entered and joined the congregation. A hymn was being sung, and the Bishop joined in with heartiness in his untuneful loud voice, much to the indignation of a working man with musical tastes who sat next to him. At length, unable to bear the noise any longer, the workman nudged the Bishop, at the same time saying: "Dry up, mister; you're spoiling the whole show."

The respective status of the Bishop and the Bishop Suffragan is one that has frequently been a source of anxiety to the parish clerk, and incidentally is responsible for many good stories. On one occasion Bishop Lloyd, the Suffragan Bishop of Norwich, noticed in a village he was visiting that the flag on the church tower was flying at half-mast, and he naturally inquired of the clerk who was dead. "There ain't nobody dead," explained that official. "Then why is the flag half-mast?" queried the Bishop. "Oh," came the reply, "we don't fly no higher than that for sufferin' bishops; we only give the hull length of the pole to the real bishops."—*John O'London's Weekly.*

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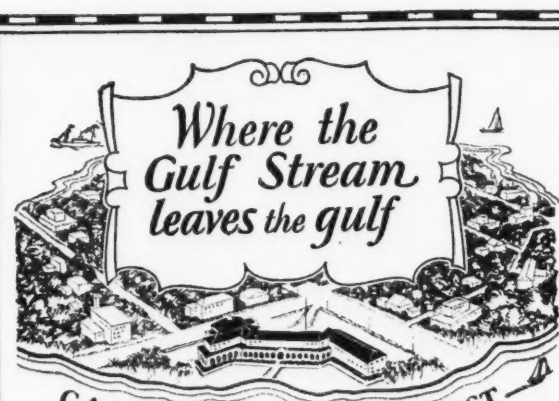
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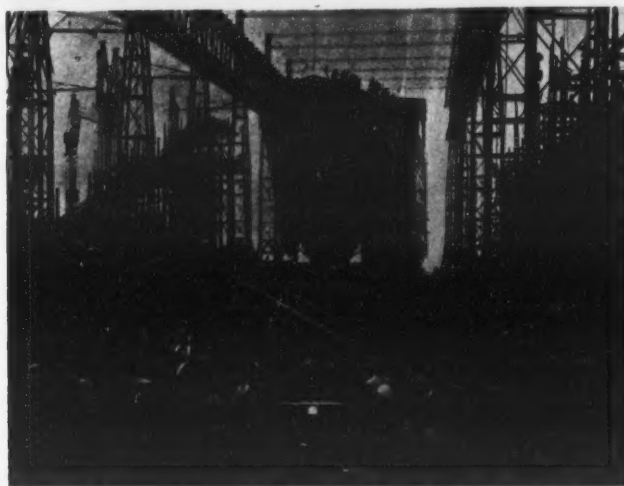
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"DUCHESS OF ATHOLL" LAUNCHED
The distinguished British parliamentarian, the Duchess of Atholl, recently performed the christening ceremony in connection with the new C.P.R. liner which has been named after her. The picture shows the launching at the Beardmore Yards, Dunbarton, Scotland.

Phenomenon of Hypnotism

THE true science of hypnotism, like all other branches of science, may be abused and exploited to attract a gullible public. Then when fraud is discovered the science and its competent exponents are discredited, and there is public aversion to what otherwise might, under proper conditions, when administered by skilled physicians using the necessary safeguards, be a useful practice for curative and other purposes. Now hypnotism in itself is neither roguery, nor devilry, nor spiritualism, but is a phenomenon due to natural causes. Hypnotic phenomena are by no means modern; they were familiar to the ancients who described them as "magic", whilst the Sybils of ancient Greece were said to have predicted the future whilst under hypnotic influence. Again in the Middle Ages the witches were undoubtedly subjects of hypnotic phenomena which rendered them susceptible to suggestion. If at that time more had been known about the subject of hypnotism many of the witches, instead of being burnt at the stake, would have been treated by the physicians as bad cases of hysteria.

The German physician Mesmer was the first who successfully propounded to the world the jealously-guarded secrets of the ancient sages, and it is from him that we get the term mesmerism to describe a state in which the operator is supposed to control the actions and thoughts of the subject. His doctrine was condemned in the name of science as dangerous to society, physical health, and morals, but in spite of this condemnation Mesmer's experiments were continued by his disciples under the name of "animal magnetism". One authority describes hypnotic phenomena by suggestion, which if not well tested, would be well nigh incredible. He says: "The operator has but to tell the subject that some person in the room has his face terribly distorted, or that he has a silver nose, to awaken the keenest interest in the new sight which the suggestion has opened up, to the astonished patient. The patient too, at the word of the operator hears voices addressing him in terms of insult and praise; he devours with the greatest relish pieces of paper when told they are cakes, and gets very sick when told he has taken an emetic. When a bottle of ammonia is held under his nose, and at the same time he is told that it is a bottle of perfume, he does not manifest the slightest inconvenience, but seems rather to enjoy it. He grows hungry and thirsty at command, and is quite overcome by the weight of some little article. The sensations of hunger, thirst and fatigue are as readily obliterated as caused. All the wild fancies of the madman can be made to appear in the hypnotised subject; he is made of glass, and is terrified if one touches him; he forgets his age, social position, nationality, sex, the clothes he has on, and all his surroundings". If such is the power of suggestion in the hypnotic state one can easily imagine the harm that might be done by evil suggestion, and in cases where the phenomena are caused by incompetent and unscrupulous people.

A Great Clyde Project

HIGH transmission electric cables are to be stretched across the Clyde at Yoker, 220 feet above ordinary spring tides, to enable ships to pass beneath them. This decision has been arrived at after much discussion between the Central Electricity Board and the Clyde Navigation Trustees. The latter body, however, insists that it will not accept responsibility for any damages or claims that may arise through any cause whatever. The carrying power of the cables is so great (132,000 volts) that it has not been found practicable to insulate cable so as to allow it to be placed across the bed of the river. High towers of steel and crete must, therefore, be erected to enable the spanning of the river and its approaches.

This great engineering task will afford employment to a considerable number of men in the Clyde area at no distant date.

It's certainly a pleasure to see flying youth crowd flaming youth out of the head-lines.—Chicago Daily News.



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New Granite Club's Fine Showing

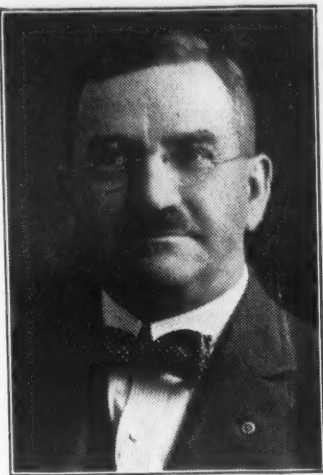
AFTER scarcely one year's operation, the Granite Club, one of Toronto's most distinctive social and athletic organizations, has been able to report not only a gratifying financial position, but satisfactory development in every department of its activities. At the annual meeting of the Club, held recently in the magnificent new building on St. Clair avenue, shareholders received enthusiastically the report of the directors and tendered hearty congratulations upon both the administration and the service provided by the club.

According to the annual statement, presented by E. B. Stockdale, Chairman of the Board of Directors, the club enjoyed a net profit on operations, from November 15, 1926, to October 31, 1927, of \$49,772. From this amount the directors were able to pay interest on bonded indebtedness amounting to \$18,224; to set aside as reserve against depreciation \$25,715, and to carry forward to the credit of the Profit and Loss account, \$5,832. The total receipts from annual fees and the operations of the various departments of the Club amounted to the substantial sum of \$289,362. The premium on all shares of stock receipts from sale of life memberships and entrance fees, amounting to \$8,925 were set aside in a Reserve Account, no portion of this revenue being taken into profits.

Since the completion of the construction of the various sections of the club buildings and the furnishing and equipping thereof, all replacements, repairs and decorating were charged as operating expense. During the year, the original plans were considerably enlarged. A further block of property adjacent to the club was acquired, giving the present club property a frontage of 429 feet on St. Clair avenue, by a depth of 330 feet. The old Church street property was rented and an option granted, which, it was reported might result in the sale of a portion of it. During the year the directors obtained an appraisal of the combined blocks of land and the completed club building and equipment. The extra value thus produced was used in writing off the discount on the sale of bonds and the expenses of organization, and the balance used in writing down the book value of the Church street property. In the opinion of the directors, this property will realize a sum in excess of the present book value.

On the balance sheet, land, buildings and equipment of the club are carried at \$876,939, total assets being listed at \$933,071. Against this are liabilities of \$283,937 on the First Mortgage Bonds and interest; \$88,728 on Second Mortgage Bonds and interest; outstanding accounts of \$106,745 and purchase price of additional property \$54,347. Reserves for depreciation stood at \$25,715. Also listed under assets is a surplus of \$373,597 made up of Capital Stock \$358,840, Reserve Fund \$8,925, and Profit and Loss Account \$5,832.

Total membership of the club at the end of its fiscal year stood at 2,606, and both Mr. Stockdale and Thomas Rennie, First Vice President, who seconded the motion to



FRANK SHANNON
Re-elected President of the Granite Club, Toronto.

year term to fill the vacancies:—I. H. Weldon, W. K. Pearce, D. C. Haig, R. B. Rice, Chas. T. Stark, John A. Tory, Supervisor, and F. J. Neale.

The Board now comprises:—Harold E. Beatty, C. L. Burton, R. C. Davison, D. C. Haig, J. D. Hayes, Frank Kennedy, Frank Littlefield, Duncan J. McDougald, Harry McGee, W. J. Northgrave, F. J. Neale, W. K. Pearce, F. L. Ratcliff, Thomas Rennie, G. H. Rennie R. B. Rice, Frank Shannon, Chas. T. Stark, E. B. Stockdale, John A. Tory, J. G. Weir, I. H. Weldon.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were re-elected:—

President, Mr. Frank Shannon; Chairman of the Board, Mr. E. B. Stockdale; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Thomas Rennie, W. J. Northgrave and C. L. Burton.

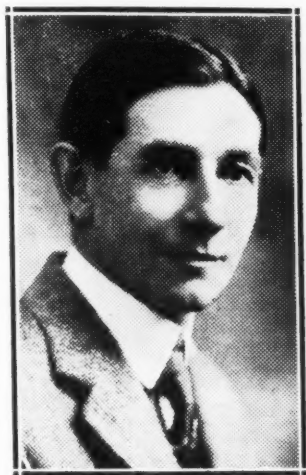
A Historic Pigeon

THE most famous pigeon in Europe, which was to have been exhibited at the Crystal Palace, London, died recently. This is Charles, the pigeon which was preserved during the war, in Roubaix, from the Germans by Mr. G. W. Richardson, who was president of the International Congress of Homing Pigeons Federations and Societies in 1912. The pigeon was bought from Sir Frank Warner at the Crystal Palace in 1912 for £100 by M. Felix Vanoutryve, a partner in the well-known firm of velvet and print manufacturers. At the beginning of the war the owner was called up for service with the French Army, and asked Mr. Richardson, who was his friend, to take care of the bird, little expecting that the Germans would be in possession of Roubaix. When they arrived they stopped the keeping of homing pigeons under penalty of death. Mr. Richardson was a Yorkshireman, and when he had given his word he stuck to it. As he said: "I made up my mind I would beat the Germans and keep that pigeon, which I kept wrapped in a piece of newspaper in my inside pocket." He used to let it out in his home for exercise. One day the bird was left wrapped up in a piece of sackings upstairs when the German soldiers entered suddenly to make, as he thought, a surprise examination of the house. Mr. Richardson ran to his bedroom to find the bird and put it in his pocket, but it had succeeded in wriggling out of the sack and was nowhere to be seen. Fortunately the soldiers had come to find a billet for a German officer, and only examined the rooms on the first floor. The sergeant in charge remarked, "No German officer ever sleeps on the second floor." As soon as they had gone out of the house Mr. Richardson went upstairs to recover the bird, and found him walking to and fro on the landing of the second floor. Since the war the bird has led a luxurious life in the pigeon house of M. Vanoutryve and survived beyond the allotted span. It is to be presented to the French Government for the war museum in Paris. Mr. Richardson was recently decorated by the French Government with the Legion of Honor.

SUNSHINE BELT OF THE SOUTH

The longest beach in the world "Strung" way along the Gulf of Mexico, down around Key West, up the coast of blue to somewhere east of Jacksonville" will not mean a thing to those who never see it, nor will the warm tropic suns of mid-winter or the sea bathing of January. There are oranges to be picked when the snow is barricading your door, golf and tennis down South when the weather strips alone will not debar the breath of the North. When you think things at their worst they are really at their best in Florida and along the Gulf Coast. Hotel rates are reasonable and long limit winter tourist fares giving you a wide choice of routes are surprisingly low, why not make a travel investment in health?

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E. B. STOCKDALE
Re-elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Granite Club, Toronto.

adopt the report, referred to the manner in which members had enthusiastically availed themselves of the club facilities. In reviewing the year's operations the President, Frank Shannon, mentioned the extraordinary success which the club had encountered in less than a year's operation. Dealing with the future he mentioned that the Granite Club had been awarded the Canadian Amateur Figure Skating Championship which is to be held in February, and that the directors proposed to establish an open air skating rink in the near future.

The term of office of seven Directors had elapsed and the following gentlemen were elected for a three



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SATURDAY NIGHT

FINANCIAL SECTION



Safety for
the Investor

TORONTO, CANADA, DECEMBER 17, 1927

P. M. Richards,
Financial Editor

Good Faith and Co-Operation Europe's Crying Need

International Stability Hampered by High Tariff Barriers and Strong Nationalistic Animosities—Standard of Living in Practically Every European Country Below That of 1913—Hope for Industrial Betterment Generally May Rest With Increased Requirements of Thickly Populated Eastern Nations as General Standards are Raised—Britain Badly Hit by Labor Troubles and Resultant Decreased Production—France Achieves Striking Improvement in Internal Situation—German Unemployment Decreases and Trade Becomes More Active.

REAL hope for the recovery of Europe must rest upon a growing belief in mutual good faith and the active co-operation between nations in restoring international commercial stability, according to the December Letter of the Royal Bank of Canada, which presents a most comprehensive review of present conditions and the factors which have created them. Lessened standards of living in most European countries, as compared with 1913 is a sign seen as fraught with grave significance, while the creation of high tariff barriers and an increase in strong nationalistic feelings and animosities have hampered post-war recovery to an important degree. Spread of improved standards of living to other portions of the world, and the consequent creation of an increasing demand for basic products, is seen as one of the hopeful signs on the horizon, which may make for improved industrial conditions generally throughout the world.

In 1910, a large proportion of the commerce of the world was the result of an exchange of the finished products of the highly industrialized countries for the raw, or partially manufactured goods of the rest of the world, the latter proceeds. Particularly in Western Europe this trade relationship had permitted the growth of large, thickly populated manufacturing centres. In the chaos which followed 1914, each nation was thrown upon its own resources and even those countries which took no active part in the war found themselves cut off from their ordinary markets and sources of supply. The growth of manufacturing which followed stimulated the idea that each country might become more wealthy if it could become more economically independent. This idea, together with the creation of new international boundaries and the growth of a strong feeling of nationalism amounting in some cases to bitter animosity against neighboring states, resulted in the erection of new trade barriers and a general raising of tariffs. Probably a movement toward self sufficiency would have developed in any case, but this hurried economic readjustment is likely to result in far more suffering and loss than one taking place in a more natural and orderly manner.

The most densely populated sections of the world are China, Japan, India and Western Europe. In China, Japan and India the population is accustomed to a low standard of living. Yet even in these countries, readjustment is under way. China and India are beginning to manufacture their own textiles and a major industrial revolution is taking place in Japan. As far as Europe is concerned, however, the most portentous development is the growing variety and importance of the manufacturing industries in such countries as Canada, Australia, Brazil and Argentina.

IT IS this world readjustment which is making difficult the problems of rehabilitation in Western Europe. Internal problems, traditions and the opposition of labor toward measures which make for efficiency, increase the complexity of the situation.

The standard of living in almost every country of Europe is below that of 1913; unemployment is prevalent and there are those who think that the outcome of the present economic changes will be a substantial and permanent lowering of the European standard of living. When one considers the energy and ability of the people and the history of their achievement in creating modern industrial

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JAMES A. RICHARDSON
Whose appointment to the Canadian Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company has been announced by the Governor and Committee of the company. This appointment constitutes the second major honor which has been awarded to Mr. Richardson this year, as in May last he was made a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. In addition, Mr. Richardson is a director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, President and General Manager of James Richardson and Sons, Limited, and owns controlling interest in Western Canada Airways, Limited, and the Frontenac Flour and Tile Company.

—Photo by International Press.



A GENEROUS FRIEND

Editor, Gold and Dross:

Nearly two years ago I bought some preferred shares of J. S. Mitchell and Company and received a bonus of two common shares with each five preferred. I have never had any dividends on the common and a friend is now offering to take them off my hands at \$17 a share. The stock is not listed and I don't know if this is a reasonable price for it or not. I am inclined to accept, as I got it for nothing, but would like to have your advice.

W. S., Sherbrooke, Que.

You would be making a big mistake in accepting \$17 a share, as quotations on the common are now around \$31. Furthermore, I think that higher prices may be looked for in the near future, as the company is doing well and the common stock is shortly to be listed on the Montreal Curb Market. Listing in itself should have a beneficial effect on the price, as it naturally means greater marketability. The company is in a good position financially and I understand that sales for the current year will probably show an increase of around 10 per cent. over last year, together with a satisfactory gain in profits. Dividends on the common stock should not be far off.

EUREKA VACUUM CLEANER

Editor, Gold and Dross:

Have you any information as to how the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Company is making out this year? I am interested in the stock as I like the company's product and believe that a company which puts out a good article is a good one to buy into. Do you think the present price a reasonable one?

A. C. M., Montreal, Que.

The present price of around 75 represents approximately the highest level this stock has ever reached, and is some 25 points above the 1926 low. Those who buy around the present figure are betting that the company will be fully as successful in the next few years as it has in the past. This is a possibility, but by no means a certainty. While Eureka is a leader in its field, it is important to remember that sales of vacuum cleaners have been so large in recent years that a big portion of the immediate potential demand has probably been satisfied. Competition in the trade, which is already very severe, seems likely to become even more strenuous in 1928.

As regards current earnings, the company reported smaller profits and sales in the first half of 1927 than in the corresponding period of 1926, but it is reliably reported that its business has shown marked improvement during recent months and that the total returns for 1927 will be the best in its history. The company earned \$2.90 a share on 262,500 no-par-value capital shares in the first half of this year, which compares with \$3.15 a share earned on 250,000 shares in the first half of last year and with \$7.16 a share for the whole of 1926. However, there is reason to expect that the returns for the current half year will be considerably larger than those for the final half of 1926. The common stock is now on a regular \$4 annual basis, and since the beginning of 1927 the company has declared two stock dividends of 5 per cent. each. The president recently announced that he would recommend the declaration of another extra dividend at the directors' meeting in January.

British Capitalists Neglecting Big Opportunities in Canadian Mining Development

By J. A. McRae

JUST at a time when there seemed to be a likelihood of greater participation by British capitalists in the development of mines in Canada, comes an answer which seems to suggest that Canadian and American capital is to continue to play the leading role.

I refer to the mining situation in the northern part of the province of Manitoba.

For some years the Flin-Flon has been controlled by British capital through the Mining Corporation of Canada. Lack of adequate finances at the command of Mining Corporation, and lack of faith in the value of the deposit seems to have militated against active development on the part of British interests. I use the words "lack of faith" for the reason that no one doubts the desire of British capital to develop mines—yet, here on the Flin-Flon was an opportunity which went begging for years. It remained for American engineers to study the problem, and for American capital to undertake expenditure of possibly \$30,000,000 in the general scheme to establish a gigantic mining and smelting enterprise. So much for the Flin-Flon.

More recently, another enormous deposit of copper and zinc was discovered on the Gordon, Sherritt, and Madole claims at Cold Lake, about 40 miles from the Flin-Flon. The merits of this deposit were readily recognized

by all engineers who visited and examined the property. An option was granted to one of the strongest British mining concerns operating in North America. The Canadian engineers in the service of the British concern were quick to recommend the purchase of the property. The recommendation was not accepted in London because of the large amount of initial capital expenditure required. As far as British capital was concerned, the Flin-Flon deposit as well as the Sherritt-Gordon appeared destined to lie dormant—worth no more in their idleness than so much desert, so much muskeg. Indeed, with British capital standing aloof from actual development of the Flin-Flon, and surrendering an option on the Sherritt-Gordon which had been recommended by one of the world's foremost engineers, the picture that reared itself on the mining horizon of Northern Manitoba was gloomy and forbidding.

It is now a matter of record that the darkest hour in Northern Manitoba did actually materialize at an hour just before the dawn. Harry Payne Whitney and associates of New York decided to investigate the commercial possibilities of the 16,000,000-ton deposit of known ore on the Flin-Flon. Several hundred thousand dollars were spent on experimental work. Mining Corporation was paid \$854,000 in cash and was left with a

15 per cent. interest in the project. The Canadian Government listened to a reasonable request for construction of a railway and was quick to seize the opportunity. The provincial government of Manitoba also listened to an appeal for assistance and co-operation and authorized an annual subsidy toward operation of the railway. Paternal legislation was sought in respect to moderate taxation of the big pioneer enterprise. This was quickly granted by the government of Manitoba as well of Saskatchewan. Everywhere, those with the courage to undertake the big development have met with wholehearted co-operation.

While this was all being brought about on the Flin-Flon, the option held by British capitalists on the Sherritt-Gordon had been relinquished. It remained for a Canadian, Robert Jowsey, well known mining man of Toronto, and particularly well-known in the mining fields of Northern Ontario, to fill the breach. Original owners of the Sherritt-Gordon, among them Senator George Gordon of North Bay, together with Peter Gordon, and their associates, gave Mr. Jowsey invaluable support in his task of establishing Sherritt-Gordon in a position where it could finance itself. It is at this point where Halstead Lindsay and Thayer Lindsay, already identified prominently in mining in Northern Ontario and North-Western

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Frenzied Speculation Two Hundred Years Ago

In Days of South Sea Company England Was
Stock Jobbing Bedlam—Enormous Losses
Suffered by Public—Records Hold Many
Lessons for People of Today.

By F. D. L. Smith

IN THESE days of booming security markets one popular Ontario mining issue is said to have been promoted as a mystery stock,—as "one of these secretive good things." No one seems to know the facts about it and yet nearly two million shares are said to have been eagerly absorbed by the public. The newspaper which draws attention to this flotation calls it "a novel one", but is it so novel after all? Is it not at least rather more than two hundred years old? One recalls the England of Walpole's time when in the frenzy over the rising South Sea Company shares there was brought out "a company for carrying on an undertaking of great advantage but nobody to know what it is". The ingenious promoter obtained 1,000 subscriptions in a single forenoon. A sister flotation was "a company for a wheel for perpetual motion" capitalized at one million pounds.

The story of the South Sea Bubble itself, to which President Timmins of the Hollinger Mine likens the present craze, is familiar to every schoolboy. Founded ostensibly for the double purpose of funding the national debt and of trading into the Spanish Colonies, it soon took to gambling in government securities. At first the shares stood at 77 but they soon rose to 400. To quote the records of the day, England became a stock jobbing bedlam. The speculators' frenzy grew as the company increased its obligations. Every new issue of capital sent the stock up one hundred pounds a share. A dividend of 10% was declared out of capital. On June 2nd, 1711, South Seas went to 890 in the morning, 640 in the afternoon and 750 in the evening. In July a new issue of \$4,000,000 was sold at 1000. The top reached was 1060, Walpole himself selling at 1000, and the bids falling to 810 in August, to 150 in September, and finally to 33, at which price settlement was made with the shareholders.

During the boom all classes caught the disease. The published correspondence of the day reflects the emotions of the speculative public. In 1720, says Smollet, Exchange Alley was filled with a strange concourse of statesmen, clergymen, Whigs, Tories, physicians, lawyers, tradesmen and even women. Ordinary employments were neglected. The streets were thronged with the equipages of the newly-rich. Thousands of gold watches hung at women's sides. Defoe wrote "Don't you know the South Sea faces? There are two kinds—one as the stock rises—one as it falls." After the boom collapsed the same author wrote, "You may now at a tavern have a mutton cutlet broiled by the kitchen damsel without being teased with her enquiries as to what new subscriptions are going out to-day." He added that one could go to a coffee house and order a dish of tea without being badgered by the waiter to buy a thousand pounds of stock in rock salt or ground fisheries. Afterwards petitions flowed into the government for vengeance on the "cannibals" of Change Alley. Some directors were prosecuted but escaped with fines, totalling two million pounds and varying from a fraction to the whole of their respective properties.

The very first outbreak of hysterical company promotion in England appears to have occurred about a generation before the South Sea bubble—that is when William of Orange displaced James the Second on the throne. It was in 1688 that the term "stock jobber" was introduced in London. Very few joint stock companies yet existed and amongst these the East India Company was the foremost. The nation did not know what to do with its rapidly accumulating wealth and the practice of hoarding was common as it is in India to-day. A crowd of ingenious promoters undertook to profit by this situation. They devised schemes for the employment of redundant capital. In four years a multitude of ventures was launched, everyone holding out to subscribers the prospects of immense returns.

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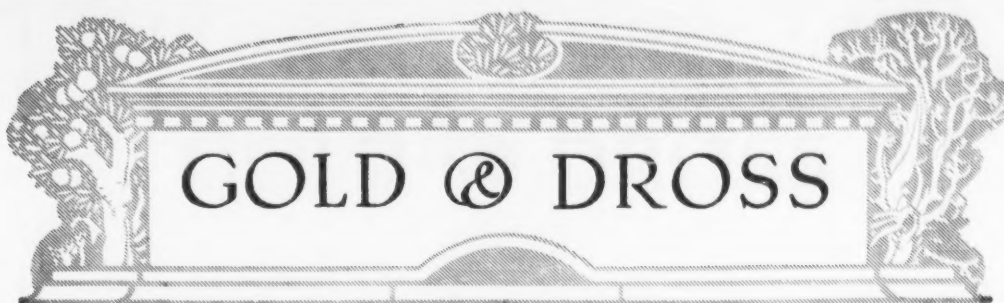
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SHAWINIGAN AS A LONG TERM INVESTMENT

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4 1/2 per cent. only, which compares with 5, 5 1/2 and 6 per cent. paid on its previously outstanding issues aggregating \$26,392,500, which have now been retired. This means, of course, a fairly considerable saving for the company.

Gross earnings of the company doubled during each of the two half-decades from 1909 to 1919, and again in the seven years from 1919 to 1926. The company has reported a gain in gross revenue in each year. The operating ratio, before depreciation, during the last decade has averaged about 38 per cent., tending to increase in the five years to 1926, declining in the following year, and then rising to 1925. A reduction was reported from the 1925 figure of 41 1/2% to 39 1/4% in 1926. The company has set aside for depreciation an average of about 5% of gross revenue during the last ten years. The 1926 figure was something less than 5 per cent. of gross, and about six-tenths of one per cent. of fixed assets, including investments in subsidiaries and other companies. Net income after depreciation nearly tripled from 1909 to 1924, increased about 10 per cent. in the next five years, and has approximately doubled since. On the basis of the \$100 par value stock outstanding at the end of the last two years, the company earned \$9.18 per share in 1926 and \$9.02 in 1925.

The company's fixed assets, including securities of subsidiaries and other companies, have about doubled in the last decade, about half of the increase being in the form of securities, which at the end of 1926 constituted about 40 per cent. of the total. Net working capital at the end of 1926 was \$3,191,000 and current assets were three times the current liabilities. The book value of the capital stock was \$117.16 per share of \$100 par value at the end of 1926. The fixed assets were about eight times the 1926 gross revenue, and on its total balance sheet investments the company in that year earned about 7 per cent. The earnings for the current year are, as usual, showing a very healthy increase over the previous year. Gross earnings for the twelve months ended August 31st, 1927, amounting to \$8,818,111 as compared with \$7,660,207 for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1926, while net earnings before depreciation and income taxes were similarly \$4,813,730 as compared with \$4,417,067.

While there does not appear to be any reason to look for any marked appreciation in the price of the common stock in the near future, the company's excellent record and steady growth in the past, combined with the steadily increasing development and prosperity of the communities it serves, indicate that these shares should be an excellent purchase as a long term investment.

THE OUTLOOK FOR CANADA TEA COMMON

Editor, Gold and Dross:
Will you be good enough to advise me at your earliest convenience of the probable current quotation and marketability of the common shares of the Canada Tea Company, Limited? What kind of progress is this company making?

R. G. London, Ont.

There are various indications that the Canada Tea Company is making some progress, but the position of the common stock is undoubtedly uncertain in view of the fact that no dividend has been paid on this stock since 1912, and that the 7 per cent. cumulative preferred issue will be 4 1/2 per cent. in arrears on January 1st, 1928, if no further dividend payment is made this year. For many years past the company's earnings have been only sufficient to permit of occasional payments on the preferred stock, in no case equal to the amount of the \$7 dividend which is called for, and this condition seems to exist at the present time in view of the fact that the only preferred dividend declared this year to date was one of 3 per cent. paid on September 17 last. It is evident, therefore, that the preferred arrears are increasing rather than diminishing at the present time. The company ended its fiscal year on May 31, 1927, but no annual report is yet available for that period. The company has not issued its income account for several years past, but a balance sheet of May 31, 1926, gives several encouraging indications, such as an increase in working capital from \$177,528 to \$193,524; an increase of some \$9,000 in total surplus and of an approximately similar sum in depreciation account, together with a small increase in investments account.

The immediate prospects for the common stock are undoubtedly very slim, but in view of these encouraging

signs I have referred to, and the fact that the company seems to be making moderate progress, as indicated by its recent preferred stock dividend, it would seem reasonable to hold on to your common stock for the present at any rate in the hope of a greater improvement being shown. In any case, I believe the stock would be difficult to get rid of at the present time. I have not seen any quotations on it for a long time past, and to the best of my knowledge there is very little market for it.

IS PORT HOPE SANITARY A BUY?

Editor, Gold and Dross:
I have an opportunity to acquire some common stock of the Port Hope Sanitary Manufacturing Company. Do you think it would be a good buy? What did the company earn last year, and how is it doing this year? I understand the stock is listed, but I never see any quotations.

G. T. W. Wind or, Ont.

The stock is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, but is not very active. The last sale I saw took place at 185, which, incidentally, represents an advance of around 100 points in less than a year. Dividends are now being paid on this stock at the rate of 4 per cent. annually. Last year the company showed earnings of \$10.50 per share on its \$100 par common, after large deductions from income for extensions of plant and equipment as well as for depreciation and obsolescence. I understand that the annual report for the fiscal year which ends on January 31 next will probably show a small increase in earnings over last year. Thus, in view of the fact that the company's major capital expenditures are now understood to have been taken care of, the outlook for common shareholders is reasonably favorable. However, a price of around 185 means a yield of little more than 2 per cent. on the basis of the present dividend, and indicates that the early possibilities of this stock have been pretty thoroughly discounted.

CONGOLEUM-NAIRN

Editor, Gold and Dross:
What, in your opinion, is the outlook for Congoleum-Nairn, Inc., common stock? I own a block of this stock but have received no dividends since 1925. I have been thinking of letting it go, as I can't afford to hold an inactive stock which doesn't pay dividends, but a friend tells me that I would be making a mistake, as it is doing much better now. I would be grateful for your advice, which I have always found reliable in the past. Please say if the improvement my friend spoke of is a fact.

A. T. M. Edmonton, Alta.

It is a fact that there has been some recent improvement in the Inoleum manufacturing industry generally and it seems likely that Congoleum-Nairn's earnings will prove to have been better in the present half-year than in the corresponding period of 1926. However, I doubt that the gain will be sufficient to prevent the company's total profits for 1927 from making a rather poor showing. Only 32 cents per share was made on the 1,641,026 no-par-value common shares in the first six months, and it is doubtful if the full year's returns will greatly exceed \$1 a share. In 1926 earnings amounted to 30 cents a share, and in 1925 to \$1.12.

It does not seem reasonable, therefore, to look for a resumption of dividend payments on the common stock in the near future, and this being so, the current price of around 28 for the stock seems fairly high. The company undoubtedly is making progress under its new management, but it probably will require at least several more years to place the concern on a really profitable basis. Competition in the Inoleum industry is very strenuous at the present time. However, the company is in a good financial condition and ultimately should become a really profitable organization.

AN ELEMENT OF DOUBT

Editor, Gold and Dross:
I own a block of Canadian National Electric Railways debenture stock, formerly Toronto Suburban Railway, due 1961 and bearing 4 1/2 per cent. interest. Is there any danger of default in paying the interest? I understand the road does not pay but I am not going to worry as long as the interest is paid.

P. R. Brucefield, Ont.

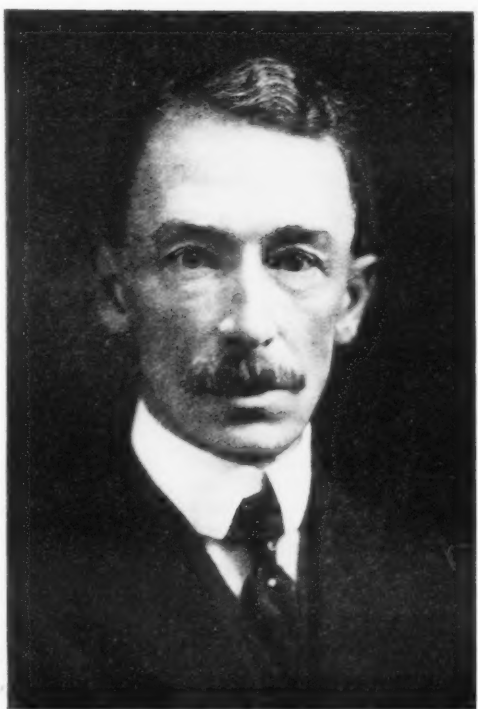
There is an element of doubt as to the security behind the Canadian National Electric Railways 4 1/2 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures, owing to the fact that although the Dominion Government, through the Canadian National Railways, controls the line through ownership of its capital stock, there would appear to be a possibility that it might sometime dispose of this stock, in which case it would not, presumably, be responsible for the road's debts. Interest is now being paid regularly on this security and it will doubtless continue to be paid at least as long as the Canadian National Railways controls the property.

A BUNCH OF MINING STOCKS

Editor, Gold and Dross:
Kindly give me any information you have on Ankerite Gold Mines, Consolidated West Dome Lake, Vipond Consolidated Mines, Canadian Kirkland, Holtrex and Amity Copper. I would like to know something about their depth of operation, length and width of main vein and possibilities generally.

C. L. Caledonia, Ont.

Ankerite is being groomed for listing on the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange. The company is controlled in England. Work 475 feet in depth has disclosed ore of low grade and with erratic mineralization. The enterprise has cost its backers over \$1,000,000 and without any sign of return as yet. Consolidated West Dome Lake is working at 1,000 feet in depth. The ore shoots are narrow and of only medium grade. The enterprise has never been able to operate profitably, but is continuing work in the hope of developing ore on a large enough scale to enable lower costs to be established at such time as the mill resumes operations. Vipond Consolidated has worked to 1,200 feet in depth. Unfortunately the ore bodies appear to lie at an upper horizon. The lower levels have not yet been productive. Canadian Kirkland is only in the prospect stage, and is situated south of the producing section of Kirkland Lake. Holtrex lies north of the productive section of Porcupine. There is some chance that something may ultimately be found on the property, but the element of risk appears to be great. Amity Copper is located at Boston Creek, formerly the Johnson claims. The deposit is in the form of a vein about the width of an ordinary drift. The grade of the ore appears to be high enough to bear transportation charges to Rouyn. As copper mines go, it is usually necessary to have big tonnage if important profit is to be made. The Amity deposit is quite small.



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L. W., Midland, Ont. By "Island of Anticosti" preferred stock, you probably mean the ANTICOSTI CORPORATION 7% cumulative preference stock. This company is controlled through ownership of its common stock by the St. Maurice Valley Corporation, the Wayagamac Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, and the Port Alfred Pulp and Paper Corporation, all of which are good companies. I consider the Anticosti Corporation preferred stock distinctly attractive as a business man's investment.

B. J., Qu'Appelle, Sask. CITY DAIRY and CONSUMERS' GAS common are both stocks of good investment value with excellent long term prospects. A. D. Watts and Company is a firm of high standing and quite safe to do business with.

A. J., Timmins, Ont. POWER CORPORATION OF CANADA, CITY DAIRY and OGILVIE FLOUR MILLS COMPANY are all good companies with excellent long term prospects. The shares of all three have seen substantial appreciation during the last year, but in view of the very promising outlook I think that a purchase at even the present levels should show you a satisfactory profit if held over a period of time.

V. O., Toronto, Ont. The HOWARD SMITH PAPER COMPANY, LIMITED, 6% first mortgage bonds due to mature in 1934 have good investment value and you can buy them with confidence.

H. S., South St. Mary, Ont. HAYES WHEELS AND FORGINGS LIMITED is making very satisfactory progress and the long-term prospects are very favorable. The common shares have advanced in price a good deal during the last few months, but even at the present level I think they should be a good buy for a hold.

T. D., Ottawa, Ont. ARNO has claims situated in Desmeulles in northwestern Quebec. The company is capitalized at 3,000,000 shares, of which close to 50 per cent have been issued. I have no information to the effect that a deal has been made with Abana. The shares in Arno appear to be highly speculative, and the property a prospect of uncertain value.

S. G., Edmonton, Alta. Shares of the WRIGHT MOTORS WESTERN LIMITED are extremely speculative, and I

would not advise a purchase unless you are prepared to take very long chances with your money.

F. W., Yarmouth, N.S. In my opinion the 5 1/2% Convertible Debentures of the POWER CORPORATION OF CANADA, LIMITED, have a very satisfactory degree of security.

T. G., Montreal, Que. The prospects for CANADA STEAMSHIPS preferred are exceedingly favorable. The company has greatly strengthened its position during the last three or four years under the direction of President W. H. Coverdale, and there seems very little reason to doubt that the company will be able to maintain dividend payments on the preferred stock regularly in future. I consider these shares an attractive purchase.

A. H., Sarnia, Ont. GRISKO has so far not measured up to expectations. A deep diamond drill hole indicated favorable formation but did not show any ore. The hole appears to have been poorly directed with the dip of the formation. Further exploration would appear to be warranted, and with reasonably attractive chances of finding something worth while.

A. F. A., Ottawa, Ont. I have no record of the CHATELAIN, and presume it is among the new and comparatively obscure promotions. There is a Chelonia of uncertain prospective merit, recently incorporated on some raw claims in McIntyre township.

Subscriber, London, Ont. GOLDALE has an important share interest in CONIAURUM. Although the shares are speculative, they are not without interesting possibilities. The company also holds claims of value adjacent to Dome on the east, and these add to the speculative possibilities of Goldale.

R. A. V., Toronto, Ont. BALDWIN is a prospect of uncertain merit. There is some favorable rock formation, and there is a little gold in evidence. However, the company has never been able to operate on other than a shoestring program, and the outlook is not very promising.

J. C. B., Upper Stewiack, N.S. EUREKA has not been active for some years. The shares are not listed, and there seems to be no trading of any kind in the stock.

Frenzied Speculation Two Hundred Years Ago (Continued from Page 17)

and monstrous fables circulated for the purpose of raising or depressing the prices of shares. Every day, says Macaulay, some new bubble was pushed into existence, rose buoyant, shone bright, burst and was forgotten. In 1692 the last drama of Shadwell exposed the stock jobbers on the stage. The last scene is that in which several stern moralists clad in the full Puritan costume—men who would not bet twopence or play at cards—discuss the prospects of the Mouse Trap Company and the Flea Killing Company, and then solemnly examine the question whether or not the godly may lawfully hold stock in a company for bringing over Chinese rope dancers.

These early outbreaks of stock market speculation were based upon the slenderest foundations. The world was undeveloped industrially and financially. The unprecedented advances in industrial and mining securities witnessed of late in Canada and the United States, have been in some measure at least warranted by actual inherent values, by real or prospective earnings, and by an accumulation of capital on this side of the Atlantic, unheard of since the world began. Conservative observers feel that in some directions the boom is being carried too far and that many poor stocks have been pushed upwards without sufficient reasons to levels which they cannot maintain. The public is undoubtedly being loaded with some wild-cat mining issues and, when we hold out this warning, we realize that in the next few years many mining stocks, today being traded in, will yield their holders large profits. The outlook is that many fortunes are going to be made in connection with the mineral developments now proceeding in Northern Ontario, Northern Quebec and Northern Manitoba, but investors should proceed with caution.

Good Faith and Co-Operation Europe's Crying Need (Continued from Page 17)

civilization, this hypothesis does not seem probable. Since birth rates are falling and the population of a number of European countries is becoming fairly constant though not actually decreasing, there is some thought that assisted by emigration, a readjustment in population may take place which will leave such countries as Germany, Belgium, Holland and Great Britain with a population more nearly proportionate to the natural resources of these countries. If, on the other hand, world consumption and world trade should be increased by a general rise in the standard of living in all parts of the world, demand for the products of large scale manufacturing would become sufficient to keep labor well employed in all countries. While this solution demands revolutionary changes and more rapid improvement in backward countries than has been generally envisioned, certainly it would be more acceptable than any other which seems likely.

Actually, the turn of post-war events seems to fore-shadow an outcome which will entertain a combination of these proposals. Undoubtedly, widespread unemployment and reduced appropriations for education have been significant of at least a temporarily lowered standard of living. A nearly static volume of population in a number of European countries might simplify readjustment. It is quite evident that there is a tendency for the higher standard of living in Europe and North America to spread to other parts of the world. Increased productivity accompanied by increased consumption on the part of the great populations of Japan, India and China will open up tremendous opportunities for large scale production in all countries. The fact that the gravity of the situation is clearly recognized by far-sighted financial and political leaders gives ground for hope that a solution may be found. Recognition of the present general situation led a number of the most prominent international bankers to issue a joint manifesto urging concerted action in dealing with tariffs. Later, the various nations sent representatives to Geneva to discuss these facts, and the findings of the World Economic Conference received endorsement at the recent meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce.

For Canada, the outcome is not fraught with the same grave significance as for Western Europe and Great Britain, but a solution which involved a general rise in the standard of living in all parts of the world, creating a rapidly increasing demand for agricultural, mineral and forest products, would be of great benefit to this country.

WITH the normal growth of population and with rising standards of living in most parts of the world, it is natural to anticipate an annual growth in the volume of

production of all important industries, and a corresponding increase in the volume of world trade. Within the past two years, most European countries have made good the actual losses in volume of manufacturing and commerce due to the war, and for 1927, in many cases, a slightly favorable comparison may be made between present levels and those which existed in 1913. From this viewpoint, the analysis of the production figures of the basic industries of Great Britain is disappointing. It is doubtful whether coal mining, the manufacture of iron and steel, and shipbuilding have yet attained a volume of 90 per cent, as large as that of 1913, and the tonnage of foreign commerce is not more than 60 per cent, as large as before the war. Recovery in Great Britain has been more seriously retarded than in any other important country.

The coal industry is still suffering from the fact that the stoppage in British production in 1926 stimulated production in continental countries and the recapture of many foreign markets can only be accomplished at the cost of substantial price concessions. It is doubtful whether the reorganization in the mines has been sufficiently drastic to put them in a competitive position in the international market. The demand for coal for shipping has failed to increase, because of the tendency to equip ships with oil burners. In the first and second quarters of 1927, the iron and steel industry experienced a temporary stimulation due to orders which had accumulated during the strike, but recent statistics seem to indicate that production is again dropping to a level only about four-fifths as high as that in 1913. Since the iron and steel industry is also going through a depression in the United States, this situation may not be more than temporary. Recent reports indicate that amalgamations are being made with a view to securing greater efficiency in this industry. Undoubtedly, this is a step in the right direction and a principle which could be applied advantageously in a number of British industries. The world depression in shipping has substantially reduced demand for ships, and until there is a marked increase in commerce, no great revival is to be anticipated. For a country as dependent as Great Britain upon shipping and commerce, the erection of new tariff barriers and the slow recovery of world commerce has created an especially difficult situation. Yet neither in Great Britain nor in other modern countries do the statistics of the old basic industries tell the full story. Internal trade is increasing much more rapidly than external trade. New industries are gaining headway. The production of automobiles, radios and artificial silk is not included in the old production indices. While there is no immediate remedy in sight for the unemployment in Great Britain, the initiative and virility of the nation is too strong for undue pessimism as to the ultimate outcome.

THE internal balance of production and consumption is much more satisfactory in France than in Great Britain. To no small extent this is due to a satisfactory proportion between agricultural and industrial producers. Moreover, the large number of workers employed in the manufacture of specialties and luxuries constitutes a producing group who are not working in direct competition with workers in most other manufacturing countries, and foreign demand for this class of goods is sufficient to permit profitable exportation in spite of high tariff barriers.

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What Some People Expect to Collect for Under a Fire Policy

SOME rather peculiar claims for damage by fire by holders of what are known as "comprehensive" or "all in" insurance policies have recently been referred to in the English papers.

Some time ago a gentleman walked into a leading office and, producing from his bag a coat, exhibited a small hole in the sleeve. The claims official sniffed about for signs of fire, and finding none ventured to say so. "Fire?" replied the hopeful applicant, "that wasn't done by fire, it was nibbled by mice!"

On another occasion a lady came in and produced a ravishing evening gown. The damage exhibited might have been the result of a scorch, but it looked more than doubtful. On being questioned she explained that whilst out dining a waiter had upset the soup down her back! It was not clear whether she sought to claim under the "hood" section—there would seem none other that could apply.

A very common request is that for payment in respect of falling pictures and broken glass. Compensation for damage caused to roofs by falling boughs is also frequently asked. More usual is that request for payment in respect of injury to chickens caused by an enterprising fox which raided their sleeping quarters. Here, presumably, the "burglary" section was thought to apply.

One insured is understood to have been particularly indignant because his company objected to paying for the cost of repairing his bed which had given way and deposited him with a crash on the floor!

It is recorded that one dear old lady came to an office in great distress because her annual jam-making had resulted in failure. By some mischance the jam had projected itself on to the walls. She took up the not unusual attitude that "if it was not covered under a comprehensive policy, what was the use of insuring at all?"

A similar view was expressed even more forcibly by the enraged father whose best carpet had been spoilt by his small son upsetting a bottle of ink.

Mention must be made of the retired colonel who discovered a stray dog burying a bone amongst his prized begonias. So infuriated was he that he flung his stick at the offender. His aim was poor, and the drawing room window suffered. It required no little effort to convince him that this was beyond the range of the policy.

Metropolitan Life Makes Re-division of Its Field Territories

COINCIDENT with the announcement of the appointment of Mr. Henry E. North as Third Vice-President in charge of the Canadian Head Office, the Metropolitan Life announces a re-division of its Territories, due to the enormous growth of the business.

United States and Canada, under the new Division, is made up of 12 territories, instead of 19 as heretofore. Mr. A. F. C. Fiske, who has been Third Vice-President and General Manager for Canada, since it established its Canadian Head Office in Ottawa, has been promoted to a second Vice-Presidency, and will have general supervision over six of the 12 new territories, as well as Canada.

Three new Superintendents of Agencies have been appointed, one of which is due to the resignation of Ross Metzger, who returns to the field as a manager. These three are K. C. Ringier, formerly Manager of the Somerville, Mass. District, who takes charge of the rearranged Southwestern Territory; R. R. Lawrence, formerly Manager of the Buffalo District appointed to the Southern Territory and Harry DuFon, Manager at Schenectady, who goes to the Middle West Territory.

Mr. Harry J. Miller, Second Vice-President, shares with Second Vice-President Fiske the supervision of the field operations of the Metropolitan, having the direction of the four important Territories covering the Atlantic Seaboard and the Central States.

Sun Life Grant Thirty Scholarships for Study of Tuberculosis

COMPETENT authorities believe that a closer study of the methods employed in Great Britain and Europe to combat tuberculosis would be of benefit to tuberculosis workers in Canada, the Canadian Tuberculosis Association approached

the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, with the result that arrangements have been completed whereby the assurance company have granted thirty scholarships of \$500.00 each to assist salaried sanatorium and chest diagnosticians to visit the tuberculosis centres in England, France and Italy in 1928.

Reports received by the Association recently led the officers to believe that tuberculosis in Canada was on the increase, but following investigation the officers are of the opinion that the situation is being kept well in hand. The sanatoria throughout Canada are full at the present time. This is attributed to a



CHARLES C. HERSHON

Montreal representative of the Canada Life Assurance Company, who has accomplished an outstanding sales feat. Mr. Hershon was selected to attempt to write 200 policies in a 30 day period. He launched his campaign on October 20, and on November 5, just 15 days later, he had accomplished his objective. During this period Mr. Hershon interviewed 642 people, and sold almost one out of every three canvassed. He worked daily from 8:30 in the morning until nearly midnight, and had no assistance except the advice of executives of his own company. Today Mr. Hershon ranks as one of Canada's foremost life insurance underwriters, and during the ten years of his association with the Canada Life Assurance Company, he has built up one of the largest businesses on record.

better diagnosis of the cases, brought about by the expert travelling chest diagnostic services rendered in all the provinces to communities not having permanent chest clinics. The Association has persistently advocated the provision of this service and has been helped financially in Three Rivers by the Sun Life Assurance Company and in the Maritimes by the Health Committee of all the Life Insurance companies of Canada.

The Association executive declared that the granting of these scholarships is a most excellent undertaking, one that has been long needed and from which splendid results are expected. The men who are eligible to compete for these scholarships are very ardent workers and have brought thousands of citizens to physical fitness and have also protected hundreds of thousands from infection. These men direct most of the tuberculosis work in the nine provinces of Canada. It is expected that their overseas observation will accomplish a great deal of good. The workers will spend a fortnight in Great Britain, where the British Ministry will discuss with them the problem of tuberculosis, and then a tour by motor bus will be made to all the helpful tuberculosis efforts in the United Kingdom. Arrangements have also been made with the authorities in France to co-operate, and they will attend the meeting of the International Union in Rome.

Under the Sun Life scheme to offer scholarships of \$500.00, executives employing these men must also contribute \$500.00 and leave of absence with salary to the workers, to attend clinics, institutions, etc., in England, France and Italy.

Dominion Life Does a Record Month's Business

THE Field Force of the Dominion Life Assurance Company rendered a striking tribute to Mr. Ford S. Kumpf, the Managing Director, by making his birthday month the most productive month in the company's history. Over \$3,199,000 of business was applied for during November which represents an increase of \$399,000 over the previous high water mark.

The Field Men adopted the novel idea of recording their business on the back of an attractive birthday card and mailing it to Mr. Kumpf as a birthday present, and it is certain that no present could have been more acceptable to the genial manager.

Life Companies as Co-Operative Rather Than Mercenary Institutions

ONE of the most common impressions in the public mind during the last quarter century, or probably longer, has been that the aim and motive of life insurance enterprise was solely mercenary," said President T. Q. McConkey, of the Life Insurance Officers' Association, in his address at the 34th annual meeting in Toronto on November 18th. "Even to-day, that feeling finds expression in the readiness with which democratic bodies subject the enterprise to discriminatory taxation, taxation which by implication places life insurance in the same category as gainful activities subjected to high taxation for the purpose of regulation and limitation.

"It is, therefore, gratifying to note, in an official report issued under the auspices of one of the most powerful rural co-operative organizations, this comment: 'There is a large element of co-operation in connection with the conduct of all life insurance companies, as under the insurance law of Canada at least 90 per cent. of all profits accruing on what is known as participating policies must be distributed to the policyholders.'

"That report might have gone further and pointed out that the policyholders receive considerably more than 90 per cent. of the profits which accrue.

"However, recognition of the co-operative character of life insurance by so important a body is a notable step marking a better understanding of our aims and objects by the public.

"Since the inception of life insurance, one of the greatest problems has been to keep expenses within proper bounds so as to insure to the public the largest measure of benefit.

"Through Government inspection, the exact cost of carrying on business has been fully disclosed, and to that cost, many students and investigators have from time to time devoted unusual attention.

"Research made by the organization to which reference has been already made, forced the admission that no form of organization had been able to reduce the expense of carrying on a life insurance business to a less cost than that at which it is being done by Canadian companies. Their report states: 'It was found that insurance statistics did not support the assumption that organizations such as ours have, in actual practice, been able to secure either new business or renewals at a lower overhead than the regular line and mutual companies. The explanation of this appears to be, as mentioned in a previous article, that insurance is a selling proposition, and very few persons take out insurance policies without personal solicitation, which, of course, costs a very great deal of money. The experience of fraternal organizations shows that it costs at least as much to secure business as it does regular line insurance companies.'

"Life insurance service as rendered to the public by our organizations has gone ahead despite unfriendly criticism based on lack of information as to the practical difficulties which from time to time have to be met and overcome by those actually engaged in the business."

French Scheme for Insuring Racing Bets

WITH regard to the insurance scheme put into operation in connection with the jumping races at Enghien, France, "The Sporting Chronicle" makes the following comments:—

"The working of the scheme is very simple. Certain of the pari mutuel books will be reserved for this class of bets. They will deliver the ordinary pari mutuel tickets, but in addition to his bet the backer will pay a premium to insure the receipt of a sum equivalent to his bet (but not, of course, the premium) if his fancy fails. This sum will come from the insurance company, but the actual bet will remain in the pari mutuel pool. For the purpose of the scheme a fall is defined as—'When during the race and on the actual course, for a reason independent of the will of the jockey, there is at any time complete separation between the horse and the jockey, even though the latter retains his hold of the reins.' The premium to be paid will be 10 per cent. of the bet in a hurdle race and 20 per cent. in a steeple chase.

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up increased reserves which for the time being at least must come out of capital, as there is evidently no longer any premium on capital available for the purpose, as the stock has now been all subscribed. Its Blanket Residence Policy is a desirable form of cover. No other company issues a similar contract, so far as we know, in Canada, though the same kind of policy is issued in England and is very popular over there.

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Editor Concerning Insurance

Why do you recommend against buying these renewable term policies which insure for \$5,000 for first ten years, at the end of which you have to convert them by paying cash difference and assuming premium on a twenty or endowment basis back to when you first took out the policy? I am told that eighty per cent of the policies written up in the United States by some companies are of this kind. S. H. Mowley, Ind.

The reason we advise against taking term life insurance is because it furnishes only temporary protection and not permanent life insurance protection, which is what is needed in nine cases out of ten by the family man. By taking term insurance you are building up no asset for yourself, in the way of loan values or cash values, as the entire premium represents payment for the temporary protection afforded and nothing is payable to the insured in case of survival at the expiration of the term—no paid-up or extended insurance feature. If nothing is coming to you at all. On the other hand if you take out a 20-pay life policy or a whole life policy, you not only have insurance protection for the whole of life, but you are building up a valuable asset in the policy in the form of a cash value, which may either be withdrawn or made the basis of a loan in time of illness, financial stringency or business opportunity. This cash value also enables the insured to keep his policy alive for the full amount under the extended insurance feature, when payment of the premium is not possible at the time. A consideration of the difference between a term policy and any of the regular life plans will bring home the advantages of the latter.

Editor Concerning Insurance
As there is no person here we can neither the desired information from, will you kindly give us your opinion of report on the Wellington Fire Insurance Co. as to whether it is safe to insure with.

R. J. Gratton, Ont.
The Wellington Fire Insurance Co. has been in business since 1848 and is classed as a stock and mutual company. At the end of 1926 its total assets were \$284,641.75, while its total liabilities except capital were \$256,011.20, showing a surplus as regards policyholders of \$28,630.55. The paid-up capital was \$122,000, so that there was a net surplus over paid-up capital and all liabilities of \$24,630.55. Its total receipts in 1926 were \$442,005.72, while its total expenditure was \$295,333.50, showing an excess of receipts over expenditure of \$146,672.22. The company is accordingly in a sound financial position and safe to insure with.

Editor Concerning Insurance
I want your advice as to whether the Toronto Casualty is safe to insure with. I am attracted by the idea of its Foreign Residence Policy against all risks, including the fire and extra risks on the building. I am told that no other company issues a similar policy. It has occurred to me that the value of the policy is in the event of some remote catastrophe taking place, and that in such a contingency the company might not be able to meet its obligations. I am particularly attracted to the provision of the blanket policy in the event of radiator bursting or the old-fashioned stove work, commonest windows blowing off, etc.

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Toronto Casualty Fire and Marine Insurance Co. operates under an Ontario charter and has been in business since October, 1921. At the end of 1926 its total admitted assets were \$648,743.65, while its total liabilities except capital were \$467,528.42, showing a surplus as regards policyholders over reserves and all liabilities, except capital of \$181,215.23, so that policyholders are protected and the company is accordingly safe to insure with. The paid-up capital at the end of 1926 was \$269,735, and showed an impairment of \$68,521.77, which is accounted for to a large extent by the fact that the company is increasing the volume of its business rapidly and must accordingly put

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The first \$10,000,000 surrendered for conversion will be converted on the basis of a unit of two shares of Class A Stock and one share of Common Stock for each \$110 principal amount of Debentures. The conversion price increases thereafter \$5 per unit for each additional \$5,000,000.

In determining priority in the surrender of Debentures, the Debenture requires that they be considered in the order of actual surrender at the agency of the Company in the City of New York. In order to assure conversion at the lower prices, debentures are now being surrendered, although not convertible until March 1, 1928.

As an accommodation to holders who desire to establish priority at this time, the Company has designated The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, 57 Broadway, New York City, as its agent to accept Debentures for conversion and has arranged for the issuance of receipts by said Agent.

Bonds surrendered should be accompanied by all coupons maturing after March 1, 1928.

Dated December 12, 1927.
Associated Gas and Electric Company,
M. C. O'Keefe, Secretary,
61 Broadway, New York City.

**CARLING BREWERIES
LIMITED**

DIVIDEND No. 2

Notice is hereby given that a quarterly dividend of Fifty cents (50¢) per share for the quarter ending December 31st, 1927, has been declared payable January 1st, 1928, to shareholders of record December 10, 1927. By Order of the Board.

CHAS. BURNS,
President

**CENTRAL CANADA
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Quarterly Dividend and Bonus

Notice is hereby given that a Quarterly Dividend of Three per cent (3%) for the three months ending December 31st, 1927, has been declared upon the Capital Stock of this Institution, together with a Special Bonus of Six per cent (6%) for the year 1927, making a total dividend distribution of Eighteen per cent (18%) for the year.

Both the dividend and bonus will be payable at the offices of the Company, Toronto, on and after Tuesday, the 3rd day of January, 1928.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 31st of December, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

G. A. MORROW, **

Toronto, December 5th, 1927. Managing Director.

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**Nesbitt, Thomson Co. Acquires
McColl Bros. Limited**

ONE of the most interesting industrial transactions to be completed recently, is the acquisition of the common stock, and therefore the control, of McColl Brothers, Limited, by Nesbitt, Thomson and Company. John W. McColl, President of McColl Bros., and those associated with him have sold their stock at \$65 a share, on condition that the same privilege be extended to every other shareholder. Payment, it is understood, is to be made on January 10, 1928.

While no definite announcement has been made, it is generally believed that McColl Bros. Limited will be merged, or placed under a holding company with Frontenac Oil, the Montreal refining enterprise acquired by Nesbitt, Thomson and Co. some time ago. This company owns the rights for Canada for the use of the "gyro" vapor phase system of refining, and it is understood that products manufactured under this system may be distributed through the national organization of McColl Bros.

Considerable interest is being evinced regarding the financing which may accompany such a merger, and which is expected shortly. It is generally believed that this will consist of preferred and common stock, as it is understood that the new company is to have no bonds, and that the 6 1/2 per cent bonds of the Frontenac Company are to be called in due course.

At \$65 a share for 150,000 common shares the valuation given to McColl Bros. Limited, assets by this sale is \$9,750,000. The company has no funded debt or mortgage indebtedness. It did have \$1,000,000 of preferred stock outstanding, but this was called as of Sept. 1 last, and it is believed that practically all of the preferred shareholders availed themselves of the conversion privilege on the basis of three common shares for one of preferred. The net earnings of this company for the half year ending June 30, 1926, were \$155,693, after depreciation, taxes and all expenses, or more than 3 per cent per annum on the new valuation given the company. Since then the earnings have greatly increased, and in 1927 the sales have been more than twice what the plant of the company has produced.

J. W. McColl, whose management has been the great factor in pushing forward the fortunes of McColl Bros. Limited, will not have anything to do with the new company, as he intends to take a rest of from six months to a year. The new purchasers, it is understood, desired to keep Mr. McColl at the helm, but on the advice of his physician he has decided to take an

extended vacation. It is possible that on his return he may be later found connected with the company, but that is not a part of the agreement.

McColl Brothers, Limited, was incorporated on Dec. 12, 1918, and prior to that time was conducted as a private partnership. The business had been established for more than 50 years, during which time the company claims it never had an unprofitable year.

The company has facilities in Canada from coast to coast for the distribution of its products, maintaining 21 branches in eight provinces. In addition to these facilities the company owns a modern oil refinery situated on Toronto Harbor, where both rail and water transportation facilities are excellent. The company also owns a modern oil tank ship (equipped with Diesel engines), tank cars, tank trucks, and a number of gasoline and oil service stations. The company also controls, through ownership of all the capital stock, McColl Brothers, Inc., of Buffalo, which owns land and oil tanks in that city.

The company originally specialized in industrial oils, but has in recent years added to its products other brands of manufactured lubricants and gasoline. Its Red Indian motor oils and Marathon Hi-test gasoline enjoy an enviable reputation in the trade. The company sells these products from its own tank trucks to retail dealers.

The Frontenac Oil Company has been in Canada some years now. It was promoted in a small way in Montreal to use the Ramage process, and has been the subject of considerable reorganization, being known as the Three Nations Oil Refining Company before getting the present name. It is a very interesting process for the development of a high-grade gasoline to sell at a premium, and it is understood that McColl Brothers had been considering installing machinery for the production of such a gasoline before negotiations began for the amalgamation of the two units. The two organizations will therefore work well together.

It is stated that since Pure Oil Company has taken up the Ramage process in the United States the chances for successful development have been greatly enhanced.

Canadian Industrial Alcohol Reports General Improvement

THE financial statement of Canadian Industrial Alcohol Company Limited, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1927, reflects considerable improvement over the preceding year. Net profits were up over \$300,000 at \$2,413,996, total assets showed an increase of 1 1/2 millions to \$15,318,554 and working capital was increased well over a million dollars to \$4,253,444.

Net profits of \$2,413,996 compared with \$2,109,852 in the preceding year and \$1,359,026 two years previously.

After deducting dividends of \$1,189,229 as against \$1,024,000 in 1926, and after deducting, also, stock bonus of \$807,900 distributed January 15, 1927, there remained a surplus of \$416,867 for the year, bringing total surplus up to \$3,134,208. The latter amount is subdivided in the balance sheet into profit and loss balance of \$1,937,745 accumulated in the past three years, and an amount of \$1,296,462 representing accumulated surpluses of companies prior to the formation of the company under its present capitalization with no par value stock in place of \$25 par value stock.

The striking success shown by the company during the period under review is attributed to the popularity of the many products produced by the company and its subsidiaries. One of these products is Maple Leaf Antifreeze Alcohol. The company also produces various brands of industrial alcohols. This branch of the company's business is receiving particular attention with a view to extending it to larger proportions.

**Henry Ford Retires as President
of Canadian Company**

HENRY FORD has retired as President of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, and is succeeded by his son, Edsel B. Ford. The father will continue active in the direction of Ford of Canada, although he retires from the Presidency, it was stated.

There were no other changes in the officials of the company made at the meeting of the Board. W. R. Campbell remains as First Vice-President and Treasurer, George E. Dickert as Second Vice-President and P. W. Grandjean as Secretary and Assistant

Treasurer. These officers, with Edsel B. Ford, comprise the Board of Directors, with the exception of Grandjean, who is not a member of the directorate. P. E. Martin is also member of the board.

The retirement of Henry Ford was stated by other officials to be in keeping with his policy of retiring from the highest office in the various companies in which he has been associated.

"Mr. Ford just remembered that he had continued as President of the Ford Motor Company of Canada and consequently resigned, as he has in all other companies which he has served as executive head. He will be just as active in the company in the future, however, as he has been in the past," said an official of the company.

**Work Progresses Rapidly on
Paugan Hydro Development**

CONSTRUCTION work is progressing so rapidly on the Paugan, Quebec, hydro-electric development of the Gatineau Power Company that it is expected that the first generator will be in operation and delivering electric energy by the early summer of next year. The plant is on the Gatineau River, thirty-three miles north of the City of Ottawa, and will be one of the largest hydro-electric plants on the North American continent. It is designed for 272,000 horsepower in eight generators of 34,000 horse-power each, of which six will be installed initially.

The concrete dam across the river has been completed, the steel framework of the powerhouse is up, and the penstocks are now being installed. The work to date has involved excavating 350,000 cubic yards of earth and rock, the placing of 200,000 cubic yards of concrete in the dams and powerhouse, and the laying of 650,000 bricks.

The plant is one of three which Gatineau Power Company, a subsidiary of International Paper Company, has on the Gatineau River, the other two now in operation being at Chelsea and Farmers, seven miles north of Ottawa.

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Notice of Dividend and Bonus

Notice is hereby given that a dividend for the three months ending December 31st, 1927, at the rate of

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together with a bonus of

One Per Cent.

has been declared on the Paid-up Capital stock of the Company, and that same will be payable on and after January 3rd, 1928, to Shareholders of record at close of business on December 20th, 1927.

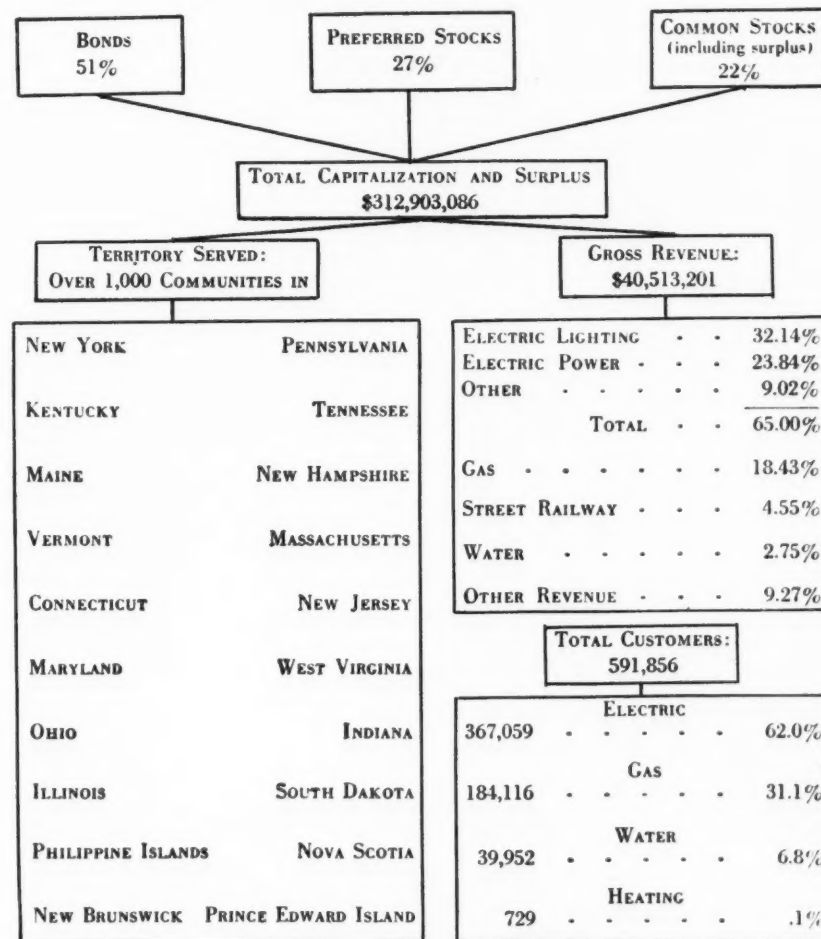
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W. E. RUNDLE,
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Brazilian Traction Will Split Common and Give Valuable Subscription Rights

Shareholders' Meeting Called for January 15 — New No Par Value Shares Offered for \$100 at Rate of One for Every Five Held, to be Followed by Four for One Sub-division — Adjustment Made in Conversion Rights — Plan is Generally Approved and Indications of Value Noted for Long Hold.

BRAZILIAN TRACTION, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, LTD., directors, at the long-heralded meeting, decided to call a special general meeting of shareholders for Jan. 5 next to approve the following proposals:

That the authorized capital stock be increased from \$120,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

That new shares be offered the ordinary shareholders for subscriptions at \$100 each, on the basis of one new share for each five shares now held.

That, on the completion of the new subscription, the common stock be split up on the basis of four shares of no par value for each share of \$100 par value; and

That the voting rights and conversion rights at present enjoyed by the preferred stock be adjusted to the new plan.

The \$120,000,000 authorized capital stock of the company is divided into \$110,000,000 common stock and \$10,000,000 cumulative preferred stock. At the end of the last fiscal year the outstanding common stock was \$106,588,300, while all the preferred stock was issued. A large number of preferred shareholders have since converted, and it is practically certain that all the preferred stock will now convert into common stock in order to take advantage of the new plan. Those who desire to hold the old shares could do so, and they will be given four votes in future for each share held, in order to preserve the relative importance of the stock. But, though there would be a trifling loss in present revenue for those who exchange, the valuable rights would make such a drop in return look very small in comparison, and there is the chance of increasing returns for the future.

If the preferred stock is all converted into common stock, instead of \$106,588,300, shown as the outstanding common stock on Dec. 31 last, it would become \$114,921,633, and when the right to subscribe for one new share for each five shares held are taken up, this would bring the present common stock up by \$22,984,327, which would make the total \$137,905,960. Split these four to one, and there would be issued 5,516,238 no-par-value common shares out of a total of 7,600,000 ordinary shares of no par value authorized. No dividend action was taken at the meeting of the shareholders, but it is to be supposed that the present 6 per cent. basis will be continued for the time being at least. This would mean \$1.50 a share on the new no-par-value shares; which would require \$8,274,357 to pay dividends for the year. The actual net earnings last year available for dividends were \$11,745,397, which would work out at earnings of about \$2.13 on the new stock, when all the preferred has converted and all the rights have been exercised. The extension of the business may reasonably be expected to create additional earnings of consequence. It must also be remembered that this company has spent much more than \$30,000,000 in extensions and capital improvement out of earnings.

So far in 1927 gross revenues have not shown any advance over 1926, but there is good reason to suppose that all the additional capital expenditures made will begin to be reflected in earnings soon. The extra \$22,984,327 which will be received for the new stock will be used partially to pay for several light and power businesses which have recently been purchased in order to extend the company's market. Some part of the indebtedness will be cleared away and the general policy of extending the business will be followed. The company has had remarkable growth in all departments since the incorporation in 1912, when the Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited, the Sao Paulo Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited, and the Sao Paulo Electric Company, Limited, were brought under one control by an exchange of shares. Rio de

Janeiro has become a city of 1,600,000 people in this time, and the City of Sao Paulo has grown to 800,000 people from little more than half the amount. Therefore in the tramway business, in the supply of light and power, the company has made marvellous progress, and there seems no reason why this should not continue.

Under the regulations of the company for carrying out the conversion of preference shares into ordinary shares conversions can only be made during specified periods in the year as a matter of convenience in adjusting dividends. As a period during which conversions could not normally be made occurs from Dec. 15, 1927, to Jan. 31, 1928, inclusive, the regulations have been varied in order to permit holders of preference shares to exercise their option to convert their holdings into ordinary shares during this period (the necessary dividend adjustment being made), and thus become entitled to the right to subscribe to the new ordinary shares.

Holders of bearer warrants wishing to attend and vote at the meeting must on or before the thirty-first day of December, 1927, deposit their warrants with a recognized bank or trust company, in exchange for which there will be delivered to the depositor a certificate in the prescribed form entitling the holder to attend and vote at the meeting in the same way as if he were a registered member of the company.

General approval and admiration was expressed by experienced brokers and traders on the Street of the plan worked out by the Brazilian directors.

"It is one of the cleverest plans I have seen," said one broker. "It gives each shareholder what amounts to a dividend bonus of \$20 a share, and it makes the public pay it, while contributing still further to the capital of the company, so that it may make further developments and extensions to its business. At \$50 a share for the new stock, and an immediate dividend of \$1.50 a share, that is about 3 per cent. By a judicious advance on the dividend of \$1.50 a share, the value is raised, and it may be said that \$2 a share will be not only possible, but probable, within a period not too long. That would be 4 per cent. To present shareholders, with rights worth \$20 on the present stock, that practically adds \$5 to the dividends on the new stock, or 8 per cent. for 1928 and 1929. That should encourage shareholders to hold for future development and consequent increase in dividends. The enterprise is in a growing country, and therefore success will be quicker than it would be in a country where competition is keener and the industry already established to a considerable degree."

Prudential Trust Shareholders Seize Control of Meeting

MAJORITY shareholders of the Prudential Trust Company took control of a special general meeting, held in Montreal recently which B. Hal. Brown, the President, refused to open, and adopted motions stripping directors of many of their powers, called upon the entire present board to resign, and arranged to call a meeting for Jan. 16 next for the purpose of increasing directors from nine to twenty-one preparatory to ousting the present administration and controlling the company themselves.

Mr. Brown and two directors of the company left the gathering at the head office, after the President had refused to open the meeting because of actions still before the courts. Majority shareholders named their own Chairman and Secretary, and demanded books of the company. The Secretary of the company refused to surrender the books.

Resolutions were adopted at the meeting changing the date of the annual general meeting from the second Wednesday in March to a similar date in February; transferring from the Chairman to shareholders the nomination of scrutineers at general meetings; transferring from the directors to shareholders functions relating to forfeiture of shares; rescinding the motion of Oct. 10 requiring a 10 per cent. call on unpaid capital; calling upon the Board of Directors to resign.

At a later meeting of shareholders representing more than one-fourth in value of subscribed stock, decision was taken to call, independently of the company directors, a special general meeting for Jan. 16, there to increase the directorate from 9 to 21 and to elect the additional twelve directors immediately; this with the idea of controlling the company forthwith.

Royal Securities Acquires Donnacona Paper Company

OWNERS of two-thirds of all stock of the Donnacona Paper Company, Limited, have sent notice to the other stockholders that they have agreed to sell their holdings to Royal Securities Corporation, Limited, of Montreal, for \$100 per share for common and \$110 per share plus dividend, for preferred, payable Jan. 10, on condi-

tion that the buyers shall also buy the remaining stock or be willing to sell at the same price and on the same terms.

The buyer has deposited \$250,000 as guarantee to carry out his agreement Jan. 10. Certificates of shares are to be deposited with the First Bank and Trust Company at Utica, or the Bank of Montreal at Montreal, on or before Jan. 7.

The Donnacona Paper Company is one of the largest independent producers of newsprint in Canada. The company's mills are situated at Donnacona, on the Jacques Cartier River, about thirty miles west of Quebec. The company has a productive capacity of 230 tons of newsprint paper per day, and has extensive water power holdings on the Jacques Cartier River, and controls approximately 6,000,000 cords of pulpwood mostly located on the Jacques Cartier and Sault au Mouton watersheds.

Following as it does the acquisition by Canadian interests of other American owned properties in Canada, the return to Canadian ownership of the Donnacona Paper Company has been received with satisfaction in Canadian financial circles.

Approximately \$14,000,000 is understood to be involved in the transaction.

Niagara Parks Commission Debentures Sold at Low Cost

THE Dominion Securities Corporation Limited, and Dillon, Read & Company have purchased a \$2,000,000 4 per cent. twenty-installment debenture issue of Niagara Parks Com-

mission guaranteed as to principal and interest by endorsement by the Province of Ontario at 96.317, or a cost basis to the Province of approximately 4.428 per cent.

This issue is of interest in view of the fact that it is the first time since the war that any long-term Ontario or Ontario guaranteed issue has carried a 4 per cent. coupon.

Huge Sums in Canada Available for Investment

THERE exists this fall in Canada a probably unprecedented amount of investment funds say Wood, Gundy & Company in a letter to clients. The usual half-yearly interest payments have been made by the Dominion Government, the \$29,068,400 and \$63,437,250 Victory Bonds due on Nov. 1 and Dec. 1 respectively are being retired without a new Dominion loan, while other substantial amounts have also been distributed through various channels. In addition, crops throughout Canada are reported to be satisfactory, and should make further large sums available. As a result, there prevails an unusually keen demand for investment securities of the higher type, and, in view of this year's large cash distributions, it is reasonable to expect that this demand will continue.

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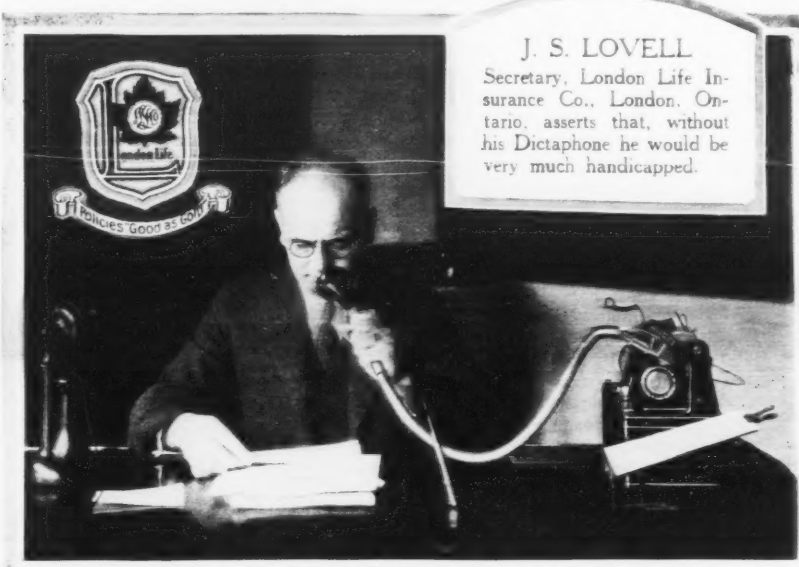
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Notice is hereby given that a dividend of 15% for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1927, on the Capital Stock of the Company has been declared. Warrants will be issued and mailed to the address of each shareholder and are payable at the Royal Bank of Canada, Halifax, on and after the 15th day of January, 1928. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to the 10th of January, 1928, both days inclusive. By order of the Board. J. B. OXLEY, Secretary.

Associated Gas and Electric Company



61 Broadway, New York

Dividend No. 12 on Class A Stock
The Board of Directors has declared the regular quarterly dividend on the Class A Stock of \$0.05 per share, payable February 1, 1928, to holders of record December 31, 1927.

In addition to the regular dividend on the Class A Stock an extra dividend of 25 cents per share was declared from the surplus of the Company, payable only in cash on said date.

Holders of Class A Stock may apply the regular dividend to the purchase of additional shares of Class A Stock at the price of \$20 per share whereas the present market price is over \$47 per share, making the stock dividend rate 10% per annum, yielding, at said present market price, over \$4.70 per share per annum.

The dividends will be so applied and the Class A Stock (or scrip certificates for fractional shares) purchased therewith will be delivered to all stockholders entitled thereto who do not, on or before January 16, 1928, request payment in cash.

M. C. O'KEEFE, Secretary.



Dominion Textile Co. Limited

Notice of Preferred Stock Dividend

A DIVIDEND of One and Three-Quarter per cent. (1 3/4%) on the Preferred Stock of DOMINION TEXTILE COMPANY Limited has been declared for the quarter ending December 31st, 1927, payable 15th day to shareholders of record December 31st.

By order of the Board,
JAS. H. WEBB,
Secretary-Treasurer.
Montreal, December 2nd, 1927.



Dominion Textile Co. Limited

Notice of Common Stock Dividend

A DIVIDEND of One Dollar and Twenty-Five Cents (\$1.25) on the Common Stock of DOMINION TEXTILE COMPANY Limited has been declared for the quarter ending December 31st, 1927, payable 3rd January to shareholders of record December 31st.

By order of the Board,
JAS. H. WEBB,
Secretary-Treasurer.
Montreal, December 2nd, 1927.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND

A dividend of two per cent. (2%) has been declared payable on the 14th January, 1928, to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 23rd December, 1927.

W. H. BLACK,
Secretary-Treasurer.
Montreal, 23rd Nov., 1927.

DIVIDEND NUMBER 170 HOLLINGER CONSOLIDATED GOLD MINES, LIMITED

(No Personal Liability)

A dividend of 2% on the outstanding Capital Stock of the Company has been declared payable on the 31st day of December, 1927, on which date cheques will be mailed to shareholders of record at the close of business on the 14th day of December, 1927.

Dated the 14th day of December, 1927.
L. McVOR,
Assistant-Treasurer.

THE MINING CORPORATION OF CANADA, LIMITED

DIVIDEND NO. 25

The Directors of this Company have declared an Interim Dividend of 12 1/2 cents per share, payable on January 25th, 1928, to shareholders of record on January 10th, 1928. The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the close of business on January 10th until the close of business on January 24th.

Listed at Toronto this 7th day of December, 1927.

G. C. AMES, Secretary.

OTTAWA LIGHT, HEAT & POWER CO., LIMITED

DIVIDENDS.

Notice is hereby given that the usual dividend has been declared for quarter ending December 31st, 1927, payable to shareholders of record December 15th, as follows:

PREFERRED STOCK—1 1/2%, (being at the rate of 6 1/2% per annum), payable January 1st, 1928.

COMMON STOCK—15%, (being at the rate of 6% per annum), payable December 31st, 1927.

The transfer books will not be closed.

By Order of the Board,
F. W. FINE, Sec'y-Treas.

OTTAWA, December 8th, 1927.

THE BRADING BREWERIES LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of The Brading Breweries, Limited, will be held at the Board of Trade Rooms, 237 Queen Street, Ottawa, on Wednesday, December 21st, 1927, at 3 p.m.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD,
JOHN RANKIN, Secretary
December 10th, 1927.

Producing Wealth from Water Power

Hydro-Electric Enterprises in Canada Represent Greater Investment Than Any Single Manufacturing Industry — Total Installation of 4,883,000 Horsepower by End of 1927 Representing Investment of \$900,000,000 — Estimated Possible Installation Throughout Dominion Over 43,000,000 Horsepower—Quebec in Lead at Present Time.

BY THE end of the present year the total installation of water-power plants in Canada will be 4,883,000 horsepower, and, if the present rate of increase continues, it will easily have passed the 5,000,000 mark by the end of 1928, according to statistics compiled by J. T. Johnston, Director of the Water Power Branch of the Department of the Interior.

Indicating the rapid growth of hydro-electric development in the Dominion, it is pointed out that in 1900 the total installation amounted to only 170,000 horsepower. During the subsequent decade that development grew to 975,000 horsepower; at the close of 1914 it was 1,946,000 horsepower, and at the end of 1920 it had increased to 2,508,000 horsepower.

As further evidence of Canada's present possible installation, Mr. Johnston says: "It is not correct to subtract the total installation at Nov. 1 (4,883,000 h.p.) from the totals of available power to determine what power remains undeveloped, as investigation has shown that throughout the Dominion the installations at developed sites exceed the estimate of ordinary six-months power at such times by about 30 per cent. On this basis the total recorded resources of Canada would warrant the installation of about 43,000,000 horsepower. In other words, the present turbine installation represents slightly more than 11 per cent. of the total resources."

The total capital invested in the water-power industry in Canada at this date is estimated to be \$900,000,000, or more than that for any other single manufacturing industry. The corresponding figure in 1910 was \$121,000,000, so that the increase in 17 years is more than 600 per cent. This total includes the cost of the primary and auxiliary power plants, transmission and distribution systems, with land, machinery and equipment. Applied to the existing installation, it amounts to an average of \$183 per horsepower, and in view of the steady earning power shown by the industry, even in times of industrial difficulties and depression, it would appear that this capitalization is reasonable and one which the industry is well able to carry.

Two of Canada's expanding industries—pulp and paper and mining—are becoming tremendous users of hydro-electric energy. The pulp and paper mills, it is now estimated, have a total hydraulic installation in connection with the mills themselves of 526,731 h.p., while the additional hydro-electric energy purchased by this industry from central electric stations is estimated at more than 831,000 h.p., making a total utilization of 1,358,052 h.p.

The importance of water power in the mining industry is indicated by Mr. Johnston, who says: "In every branch of the mining industry, from the preliminary drilling to the final refinement of the product, large amounts of power are essential, and when it is stated that in the comparatively simple mining operation involved in the recovery of coal as much as 10 per cent. of the product may be used in the development of the necessary power, the importance of low-priced power at once becomes apparent. Many mines, on account of their geographical condition, would find the cost of rail haul on fuel or untreated ore impossible, but with hydraulic power profitable operation has been possible, and much low-grade material has been given commercial value.

"There is little doubt that the advance of settlement and prospecting over the great Laurentian Plateau, which occupies 60 per cent. or more of Canada's mainland, and stretches across the country, will uncover mineral deposits of great value, while the mountains of British Columbia and the Yukon also offer a wide field for further mining development. A fortunate feature in connection with all this unprospected area is the availability of water power. So far as information is available, there is no prospective mineral area, with the exception of some of the coal fields of the middle plains, where hydraulic energy cannot be made available."

Of the total installation of 4,883,266 horsepower in Canada at Nov. 1 of this year, Ontario's share is 1,827,088 horsepower, and Quebec's is 1,265,443. The other Provinces share as follows: British Columbia, 473,062; Manitoba, 255,125; Nova Scotia, 65,

702; New Brunswick, 47,231; Alberta, 34,107; Yukon and N. W. T., 13,999; Prince Edward Island, 2,274; Saskatchewan, 35.

Quebec's total of 2,165,443 h. p. is divided into 1,796,692 h.p. developed in central electric stations, 242,044 in pulp and paper mills, and the remaining 12,707 h.p. in other industries. Of Ontario's total, 1,827,088 h.p., central electric stations develop 1,544,766 h.p., the pulp and paper mills 174,548, and other industries 107,774 horsepower.

Trade Balance Hard Hit by Increasing Imports

CANADA'S foreign trade for the twelve months ended October 31 last showed another serious subtraction from the favorable trade balance. Exports totalled \$1,225,718,168, a decrease from the previous 12 months of \$67,921,001, and imports were \$1,078,975,104, an increase of \$87,860,995, making the total subtraction from the favorable trade balance, as compared with the previous year, of \$155,781,996.

Imports from the United States were \$707,831,475, an increase of \$48,552,054, and exports to the United States were \$472,400,193, an increase of \$239,589. Exports to the British Empire were \$511,985,310, a decrease of \$56,219,363 and imports from the Empire were \$231,765,163, an increase of \$21,488,723. Exports to the United Kingdom were \$418,389,509, a decrease of \$54,115,601, and imports from the United Kingdom were \$176,220,210, an increase of \$13,178,029.

Imports from Australia showed an increase of over \$2,500,000 to a total of nearly \$7,000,000, while exports to that Dominion remained without change; imports from the British West Indies more than doubled; exports to New Zealand decreased by over \$3,000,000 and imports increased by over \$2,500,000.

Exports to Argentina dropped by over \$2,000,000; to Belgium, they declined by over \$4,000,000; to China they decreased by over \$10,000,000; to Cuba they decreased by over \$2,000,000; to Germany they increased by over \$7,000,000 to a total of \$36,368,422; to Italy they increased by over \$8,000,000; to Japan they declined by over \$8,000,000; to the Netherlands they decreased by over \$2,000,000; and to Russia they more than doubled.

Imports of raw cotton declined by over \$6,000,000; imports of raw hides and skins increased by nearly \$2,000,000; imports of metals increased by nearly \$40,000,000, included in which was an increase of over \$12,000,000 in automobiles and parts, the parts accounting for an increase of over \$5,000,000; imports of crude oil increased by over \$3,000,000, and imports of crude rubber dropped by nearly \$7,000,000.

Exports of metals dropped by over \$6,000,000, and included in this was a decline in exports of automobiles and parts of over \$4,000,000; exports of newsprint increased by nearly \$9,000,000 to a total of \$120,834,862.

Alcoholic beverage imports increased by over \$10,000,000 to a total of \$37,478,913, and exports of alcoholic beverages increased by over \$3,000,000 to a total of \$26,881,049.

Northern Bakeries Build New Plant in Hamilton

NORTHERN Bakeries Limited has started work in the construction of its new bakery in Hamilton, Ont., according to a statement made by Robert McMullen, President of the Company. The building will be of brick and concrete construction and will be equipped with entirely new machinery and ovens of the most modern type. The design of the new plant embodies a number of new features in both construction and arrangement, which the executives believe will help much in the efficient and expert baking of all bakery products. It is expected that the new bakery will be officially opened next April.

During recent months a number of changes have been made in the operating equipment in Northern Bakery plants. In Toronto a new sales depot has been built on Merton Street through which the Ideal Bread Company will serve the northern section of the city. This is also a solid brick building with equipment for the speedy transfer of bakery products from the shipping trucks to the sales vehicles operating from the new branch.

In Montreal, the James M. Aird Bakery has been remodelled and new and up-to-date equipment has been installed for the baking and handling of cakes and fancy bakery delicacies.

Northern Bakeries Limited own and operate the following bakeries: Ideal Bread Company, Toronto, Ideal Bread Company, Hamilton, Neal Bakery, London, Neal Bakery, St. Thomas, Neal Bakery, Sarnia, Neal Bakery, Windsor, James M. Aird Bakery, Montreal, James Strachan Bakery, Montreal, Dent Harrison Bakery, Montreal.

Vaudeville Merger of \$100,000,000 is Announced

CONSOLIDATION of the Orpheum Circuit, Inc., B. F. Keith Corporation, Greater New York Vaudeville Theatres Corporation and the B. F. Keith-Albee Vaudeville Exchange, involving assets of approximately \$100,000,000, through the formation of a new organization, to be known as the Keith-Albee-Orpheum Corporation, has been announced by Maurice Goodman, general counsel for the Keith-Albee interests.

Capitalization of the new corporation will consist of \$10,000,000 of 7 per cent. preferred stock and 2,000,000 shares of common stock, of which 1,119,170 shares will be presently outstanding. Lehman Brothers, bankers, who are financing the new enterprise, will shortly make a public offering of the preferred stock.

E. F. Albee, known as the "father of modern vaudeville", will be President of the new organization.

Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company, Limited

(Incorporated under the laws of the Dominion of Canada)

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

BRAZILIAN TRACTION, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

Referring to the notice convening a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company, the Board of Directors wish to take this opportunity of bringing to the attention of the Shareholders the reasons which make it desirable to increase the ordinary share capital of the Company, and to divide each ordinary share of \$100 par value into four shares of no par value.

Since the incorporation of the Company in 1912 (when The Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited, The Sao Paulo Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited, and Sao Paulo Electric Company, Limited, were brought under one control by an exchange of shares) there has been a remarkable growth in all departments of the enterprise. To illustrate this the following comparative figures are given in respect of the years 1912 and 1926, respectively:

Year 1912 Year 1926

Number of passengers carried on Tramways 231,385,668 547,150,618

Number of passengers carried on Buses 4,928,109 4,928,109

Kilowatt hours sold 191,749,863 526,317,699

Cubic metres of gas sold 40,728,206 81,571,030

Number of telephones in service 10,161 83,677

In the same period the population of the City of Rio de Janeiro has grown from approximately 950,000 to approximately 1,600,000 people, and the City of Sao Paulo from approximately 425,000 to approximately 800,000 people.

The growth in business has necessitated very large expenditures on extensions and betterments to the several services carried on by the subsidiary companies, and for the generation of power the following new plants have been constructed in addition to extending the capacities of the older plants:

Parahyba, in the Rio district 60,000 H.P. installed capacity

Rasguio, in the Sao Paulo district 24,000 H.P. installed capacity

Serra, in the Sao Paulo district 80,000 H.P. installed capacity

In any public utility enterprise, as is well known, unless capital expenditures are made to keep pace with the actual and anticipated growth of the business, the natural increase of earnings cannot be realized.

In view of the large amount of surplus power which the Companies have available, and with the object of extending their field of activities, several light and power businesses have recently been acquired in territory contiguous to the area now served. Large expenditures are being made for extensions to the light, power and gas systems, and for additions to rolling stock and equipment of the transportation services. In the City of Sao Paulo and other places where new concessions have been granted for telephone service, further immediate capital expenditures are also necessary. For all the services carried on by the Companies very considerable additional capital outlay will be required in the near future. In addition provision must be made for the payment of \$6,000,000 First Mortgage Debentures of The Sao Paulo Tramway, Light and Power Company, Limited, due 1st June, 1929, and for certain small issues of debentures of underlying companies maturing in 1928. It is also very necessary that a strong liquid position should be maintained so that there will be available ample working capital, which is essential to an enterprise of such magnitude.

In order to provide for capital requirements as above indicated, and for necessary future expansion, the Board consider it advisable to increase the authorized share capital to \$200,000,000 by the addition of 800,000 ordinary shares of \$100 each. When this increase has been sanctioned by the shareholders and necessary legal formalities have been complied with, it is the intention of the Board to give the holders of ordinary shares, including holders of bearer share warrants, the opportunity of subscribing for new shares on the basis of one share of new stock for each five shares held, at a price of \$100 per share, payable in convenient instalments. Based on the existing outstanding ordinary shares, this will mean approximately 220,000 new shares, or say \$22,000,000 of new money. The unissued balance of the increased authorized share capital will be available for capital requirements in the future.

The holders of preference stock have, under the provisions relating thereto, the option of converting their shares into ordinary shares on the basis of six preference shares for five ordinary shares. A large number of preference shareholders have already taken advantage of this option and no doubt conversions will continue to be made, with the result that the number of outstanding ordinary shares will be increased, and to this extent the total amount of new shares to be issued will correspondingly be increased.

Under the regulations of the Company for carrying out the conversion of preference shares into ordinary shares, conversions can only be made during specified periods in the year as a matter of convenience in adjusting dividends. As a period during which conversions could not normally be made occurs from 15th December, 1927, to 31st January, 1928, inclusive, the regulations have been varied in order to permit holders of preference shares to exercise their option to convert their holdings into ordinary shares during this period (the necessary dividend adjustment being made) and this become entitles the right to subscribe to the new ordinary shares.

In regard to subdividing the Company's ordinary shares, the Board are of the opinion that, following the example of many similar enterprises, it is desirable to adopt a smaller unit for the ordinary shares, and accordingly it is proposed to divide each of the ordinary shares including the increase above mentioned, into four ordinary shares without par value. The Board feel that these changes in capital structure will be advantageous to the Company and its shareholders by extending the scope and opportunity for investment in the Company's shares, with a consequent wider distribution. If this plan receives the sanction of the shareholders and upon the necessary legal formalities being complied with, it is the intention of the Board to carry out the plan as soon as possible after the subscription for the new shares to be offered to the shareholders has been completed. When payment has been made under the terms of the subscription for the new shares the subscribers will receive definite stock certificates for shares without par value, on the basis above mentioned, viz: four shares without par value for each \$100 share subscribed for.

Holders of share warrants will be entitled to attend or be represented at the Special General Meeting, on obtaining a voting certificate in the manner prescribed in the notice convening the meeting.

The proposed changes in the capital structure of the Company make two changes necessary in the conditions governing the Company's preference stock. As each share of ordinary stock without par value will entitle the holder to one vote on a poll and as a consequence each holder of a present share of ordinary stock of \$100 par value will upon the same being divided become entitled to four votes, the holders of the Company's preference shares must be given four votes for each share instead of one, in order that their relative voting position shall not be impaired. Further, they must be entitled to convert their shares into ordinary shares of no par value instead of ordinary shares of \$100 par value, four ordinary shares of no par value being reckoned as the equivalent of one ordinary share of \$100 par value.

The meeting is therefore also called specially to approve the scheme of arrangement providing for these changes as set out in the notice calling the meeting.

TORONTO, CANADA, DECEMBER 8th, 1927.

ALEXANDER MACKENZIE, President.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of BRAZILIAN TRACTION, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the head office of the Company, 357 Bay Street, in the City of Toronto, Canada, on Thursday, the 5th day of January, 1928, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, for the following purposes, viz:

1. To consider and if thought fit, to approve by-law number 17 of the Company, passed by the directors, increasing the capital stock thereof from \$120,000,000 to \$200,000,000 by the creation of an additional 800,000 ordinary shares of the par value of \$100 each.

2. To consider and if thought fit, to pass a resolution authorizing an application by the Company for Supplementary Letters Patent amending or varying the provisions of the Letters Patent incorporating the Company and Supplementary Letters Patent, so as to provide that the ordinary stock of the Company (after the increase provided for by by-law number 17 above mentioned becomes effective) shall consist of 7,600,000 ordinary shares without nominal or par value instead of 1,900,000 ordinary shares of the par value of \$100 each; providing that each of the said shares without nominal or par value shall entitle the holder thereof on a poll to one vote, the holders of the Company's 6% cumulative preference shares being entitled to four votes in respect of each preference share so held instead of one vote as at present, and providing that the authorized and unissued ordinary shares of the Company without nominal or par value may be issued by the directors for such consideration as they shall from time to time determine.

The said meeting is also called specially for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, of passing a resolution or resolutions agreeing with or without modification, to the scheme of arrangement set out overleaf, proposed to be made between the Company and its shareholders, the objects of the scheme being to preserve to the preference shareholders their relative voting rights and to enable them to convert their shares into ordinary shares of no par value instead of into ordinary shares with par value as at present provided.

Holders of Bearer Warrants wishing to attend and vote at the meeting must on or before the 31st day of December, 1927, deposit their Warrants with a recognized bank or trust company, in exchange for which there will be delivered to the depositor a certificate in the prescribed form entitling the holder thereof to attend and vote at the meeting in the same way as if he were a registered member of the Company in respect of the shares specified in the certificate.

Should a shareholder or a holder of a voting certificate representing a share warrant, be unable to attend the meeting in person, he should forward the enclosed proxy duly signed or his voting certificate as the case may be, to the Company's head office at Toronto, Canada, without delay. All proxies and voting certificates so sent will be used, unless otherwise expressly directed, in favour of the by-law and resolutions to be submitted to the meeting or any amendments which the Board may approve.

DATED at Toronto, Canada, this 8th day of December, 1927.

By order of the Board,

J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE

Brazilian Traction, Light and Power Company, Limited (hereinafter called "the Company") was incorporated with an authorized capital stock of \$120,000,000 divided into 1,200,000 shares of \$100 each. The Company, pursuant to the powers reserved in The Companies Act, created and issued \$10,000,000 of the said authorized capital stock as 6% cumulative preference stock, consisting of 100,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each.

By a further by-law of the Company provision was made whereby the holders of the said preference stock were given the right to convert the same into ordinary stock at the times and in the manner provided in the said by-law.

The directors have passed a by-law increasing the authorized capital stock of the Company to \$200,000,000, the increase to consist of 800,000 ordinary shares of the par value of \$100 each, subject to the approval of the shareholders, and to the issue of Supplementary Letters Patent confirming the said by-law.

At the special general meeting of the shareholders of the Company called for the purpose of confirming the said by-law increasing the capital stock of the Company, it is proposed to submit a resolution authorizing the Company to apply for the necessary authority to convert the ordinary capital stock of the Company (including the increase thereof provided for by the said by-law) into shares without nominal or par value in the ratio of four shares without nominal or par value for each one share of ordinary stock of the par value of \$100.

In order to preserve the relative voting powers and rights now possessed by the holders of the said preference stock, and to enable such holders to convert their shares into shares without nominal or par value, it is proposed under this scheme of arrangement as follows: From and after the issue of Supplementary Letters Patent by the Honorable the Secretary of State of Canada amending or varying the provisions of the Letters Patent and Supplementary Letters Patent of the Company respecting the ordinary stock thereof, by providing that the same, including the increase above mentioned, shall thereafter consist of shares without nominal or par value, the following provisions shall have effect:

1. The holders of the 6% cumulative preference shares in the capital stock of the Company from time to time outstanding, shall, at any general or special meeting of the shareholders of the said Company, be entitled on a poll to four votes in respect of each preference share of \$100 held by such holder.

2. When the conversion privilege reserved by the Company's by-law number 13 to the holders of its 6% cumulative preference shares is being exercised, the conversion shall be into ordinary shares without par value instead of into ordinary shares with par value of \$100 each (four ordinary shares without nominal or par value being reckoned as the equivalent of one ordinary share of \$100 par value), and in all other respects the provisions of the said by-law shall continue to apply.

NOTE: Copies of the notice convening the meeting and the circular letter of the President of the Company and forms of proxy and voting certificate in respect of share warrants can be obtained at the office of the Company, 357 Bay Street, Toronto.

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 A quarterly distribution of \$3.00 in the Common Stock has been declared this day, payable December 31st, 1927, to Common Stockholders of record at the close of business December 15th, 1927.
 December 5th, 1927, New York.
 JAMES L. ASHLEY, Secretary & Treasurer.

PROVINCIAL PAPER LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that Regular Quarterly Dividend of 1 1/2% on Preferred Stock has been declared by PROVINCIAL PAPER LIMITED, payable January 2nd, 1928, to Shareholders of record at the close of business December 15th, 1927.
 (Signed) W. S. BARBER, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE

THE BRITISH AMERICAN OIL COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of Twenty Cents (20c) per share, plus a bonus of Twenty Cents (20c) per share, making a total of Forty Cents (40c), has been declared on the No Par Value Stock of the Company for the fourth quarter of 1927 on the paid-up capital of the Company. The above dividend is payable January 3rd, 1928, to Shareholders of record at the close of business on the 15th day of December, 1927. Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st of December, both days inclusive.

Share Warrant Holders will present coupons Serial No. 4 at the Royal Bank of Canada, 68 William Street, New York City, or to The Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, on or after January 3rd, 1928.

By Order of the Board.
 P. W. BINNS, Secretary.
 Dated at Toronto, December 9th, 1927.

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THE ROYAL TRUST & EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES

Fisheries' Production Figures Show Increase of \$8,000,000

THE total value of production of the fisheries of Canada for the year 1926 was \$56,360,633 compared with \$47,942,131 for 1925 and \$44,524,235 for 1924, says the annual report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

The Province of Nova Scotia shows an increase in value over 1925 of over \$2,250,000. The fisheries of this province expanded remarkably during the year, due to increased demands, both in Canada and abroad, especially in the fresh fish industry. During the summer months there was an increase in the catch of over 50,000,000 lbs. Fifteen new vessels were built for the industry during the year.

There were increases in the catches of haddock, pollock, herring, sardine, alewives, smelts and Tom cod in the Province of New Brunswick.

The Province of Prince Edward Island recorded a decrease in the value of the fisheries. This was due to lower catches of cod, smelts and lobsters, three of the chief fisheries of the province.

In the Province of Quebec the quantity and value of production were about the same as in the previous year, smaller catches of cod and mackerel were offset by slightly higher catches of herring, salmon and lobsters.

The Province of Ontario shows a drop in total value with decreases in the production of whitefish, pickerel and pike.

There was a splendid increase in production in the Province of Manitoba, practically all kinds of fish being taken in larger quantities. Saskatchewan reports a slight decrease, while in Alberta the production and value were higher.

In British Columbia, there was an increase in the production of salmon which mainly accounts for an increase of nearly five million dollars in the value of the fisheries of that province.

Tourist Oil Company Preferred Stock Offered

M. A. HOLLADAY & CO. are offering \$50,000 of Tourist Oil Distributing Co., Limited, 7 per cent. cumulative redeemable preferred shares of \$10 par value, purchasers being given the right at time of purchase to subscribe for two shares of common stock at \$1.25 per share for each share of preferred stock purchased. This is a new company which intends to use the proceeds of the issue remaining after organization and selling expenses for the construction on leased railway property of a warehouse building housing several batteries of large storage tanks, to provide for the purchase of storage tanks, delivery and service trucks, pumps, dealers' tanks, and such equipment, to provide for the initial supply of oil and to furnish working capital.

The company has acquired from Milton Arthur Holladay the right, title and interest to certain agreements in priority for 49,995 common no par value shares of the company. The prospectus of the company states that these agreements will give the new company the right as sole distributors in Toronto of "Havoline" motor oil and other petroleum products. This Havoline oil is the product of the Indian Refining Company, Inc., of Lawrenceville, Ill. As there are only 50,000 no par value common shares, the right of the preferred stockholders to subscribe for two shares of common stock at \$1.25 per share for each share of preferred stock purchased would have to be exercised by purchasing this stock from Mr. Holladay.

The directors are as follows: A. H. C. Carson, President, formerly President London Mutual Fire Insurance Company; J. B. Maus, Vice-President, who has been Vice-President of Havoline Oil Co. of Canada, Ltd., Toronto, for the last six years; F. E. Cannon, present President Cannon Canadian Company, Limited; H. R. Heyes, President Hubbard Portable Oven Company of Canada, Limited; R. H. Mowat, Secretary-Treasurer.

British Capitalists Neglecting Big Opportunities in Canadian Mining Development

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Quebec, came into the picture with capital which was destined to start Sherritt-Gordon upon its way. The Lindsleys, like the Payne interests, are American. Associated with the Lindsleys in the Sherritt-Gordon and many other mining projects elsewhere in Canada, is Jos. Errington, a mining man who is steadily developing into one of the more active and prominent in mining fields of Canada at this time. Among other things, Mr. Errington stands out as the individual who encouraged the activity at Chelmsford where the Bunker Hill & Sullivan interests are even now engaged in developing one of the more promising mining enterprises in Canadian history.

Only recently, Noah Timmins of Montreal, multi-millionaire, and mining magnate of outstanding distinction, invested heavily in Sherritt-Gordon. Due to this, there is promise of control of the enterprise remaining in Canada—with American and Canadian capital working together toward the one goal, namely, profits for all concerned in proportion to the size of interest held, and another stride forward in Canada's steady march toward mineral production which engineers and geologists believe will ultimately give to the Dominion a leading place among mineral producing nations.

Therefore, although there is an outspoken desire on the part of Canadians to encourage participation of British capital, and to give to British concerns, wherever possible, a first opportunity to invest, yet there is also a determination that development of natural resources cannot be permitted to lag.

Some haphazard reference has come out of the west with regard to mining enterprises of magnitude passing under control of "alien" corporations. Political capital is being made of the situation. To those not familiar with the details from the outset, the "alien" cry may carry some appeal. However, it should be remembered that the governments of this country, provincial as well as federal, are spending large sums in propaganda toward this very end—a general effort to enlist financial investment of foreign capital, whether French, German, Swedish, Italian, etc., or from our neighbor, the United States of

America. It should further be remembered that were it not for this American capital, the hour for the greatest industrial development in the history of Manitoba would not yet have struck. There is the feverish activity now developing in the construction of an 84-mile railway, erection of two smelters of big capacity (one for copper and one for zinc), development of a power site second only to Niagara, and all the planning and building and spending associated with such work. Alien capital, no doubt, but the mainspring to development of natural resources of Canada, and the road which spells out employment for large number of Canadians, the building of towns and the tender touch of prosperity in a big area where bleak waste would otherwise prevail.

Something is wrong. There is nothing to be gained by turning a blind eye to the bare facts. Four new mining enterprises of magnitude are now looming ahead in this country, in addition to those already established. These include Noranda, in Rouyn, Treadwell-Yukon at Sudbury, Flin-Flon in Northern Manitoba, and Sherritt-Gordon also in Northern Manitoba. British capital does not dominate any one of these big enterprises.

There is no gainsaying the plentitude of capital in England. There is no denying the desire of British capital to find investment in mines in Canada. Yet, here are the mines—mines of very great magnitude—being established even at this time, but with Canadian and American capital.

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CAPITALIZATION

(On completion of this transaction)

	Authorized	To be outstanding
7% Cumulative Preference Stock.....	\$1,000,000	\$750,000
Common Stock (no par value).....	55,000 shares	40,000 shares

This capitalization is subject to a liability of \$80,000 in the form of a mortgage upon the Company's property on Spadina Avenue.

Mr. E. L. Ruddy, who will occupy the position of President, has summarized his letter to us as follows:—

THE COMPANY—E. L. Ruddy Company Limited is being incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act to acquire from the Company of the same name all its business, properties, plants and undertakings.

The business of the E. L. Ruddy Company and its predecessors has been in successful operation for more than half a century and is today the largest outdoor advertising business in Canada. As official representatives of the Poster Advertising Association of Canada, the Company does a large sub-let business with other poster advertising and painted display plant owners, and through its own plants and affiliations can place outdoor advertising concurrently in 243 cities and towns throughout Canada, reaching a total circulation of approximately 4,180,000.

The Company is engaged in the manufacture of Commercial and Electric Signs of all kinds and enjoys an expanding business in these lines. The territory served comprises the most densely populated portion of Ontario and a large part of the Maritime Provinces. Through ownership of a majority of the stock of the Ruddy-Kewster Company Limited, it controls a substantial and growing painted display advertising business in the City of Winnipeg. The display plants owned by the two companies reach a total circulation of approximately 1,350,000 and are located in 45 cities and towns.

PLANTS AND PROPERTIES—A completely equipped plant of modern construction is located upon valuable property on Spadina Avenue, Toronto. An additional brick and concrete building of 324,150 cubic feet is now in process of completion and will provide for the Company's growing requirements for some time to come.

The Company owns and operates advertising structures of the most modern and approved types. The total area of these structures, divided between Poster Panels, Painted Bulletins and Electric Signs, but not including a large number of Painted Wall Locations, which involve no structure, is 1,365,064 square feet. The structures and painted walls are all on locations held under lease by the Company.

ASSETS—Fixed assets of the Company, including land, buildings, equipment and advertising structures, have a present value, as certified by the Sterling Appraisal Company as at November 25th, 1927, of \$993,397.83, apart from investments in associated companies carried upon the Company's books at \$70,405.76, and franchise rights, value of leases, etc., carried on the Company's books at \$200,000. Net current assets, after giving effect to this transaction, as at October 31st, 1927, according to the Balance Sheet certified to by Messrs. Rutherford, Williamson & Company, after deduction of all current liabilities, were \$152,061.43.

EARNINGS—Net earnings, after deducting full operating charges, maintenance, depreciation on buildings, equipment, motor trucks, etc., but not deducting Federal Income Taxes, for the three years ended December 31st, 1926, and for the ten months of the current year to October 31st, were:—

1924.....	\$84,757.43	1926.....	\$122,413.38
1925.....	95,607.68	1927.....	142,983.84 (ten months)

or average annual earnings at the rate of \$118,589.81 available for Income Taxes and dividend requirements, which amount to \$52,300 upon this issue of Preferred Stock. After providing for Federal Income Taxes at the prevailing rates, earnings for the current year are at the rate of over \$2.00 per share upon the Common Stock.

PREFERRED STOCK PROVISIONS—The holders of the Preferred Shares shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of shareholders except and if Eight (8) quarterly dividends are in arrears; during such time each share shall be entitled to one vote. The Company shall not, without the consent of holders of two-thirds of the Preferred Shares at the time outstanding, create any security ranking equal to or in priority to the authorized issue of \$1,000,000 par value of Preferred Shares, except security to its Bankers in the ordinary course of business.

GENERAL—Outdoor Advertising by means of posters, painted bulletins and electric signs is continually growing in favor with advertisers. The business of the Company and its predecessors has, apart from the war years, shown an almost unbroken record of consistent growth. Contracts for 1928, which are nearly as much as the total business for 1927, indicate that earnings for the ensuing year will be substantially in excess of the current year.

This financing involves no change in the management or control of the Company.

The Board of Directors will include the following: E. L. Ruddy President, W. T. Sutton Vice-President, N. L. Nathanson, J. R. Robertson, V. T. Pegg, W. B. Milner.

We offer this Preferred Stock, subject to prior sale, for delivery if, as and when issued and accepted by us and subject to the approval of all legal proceedings by Malone, Malone, Sedgewick & Montgomery on behalf of the Bankers, and McMaster, Montgomery, Fleury & Co. on behalf of the Company.

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Brantford Cordage Co. Blames Competition for Loss

THE Brantford Cordage Company's operating loss of \$147,994, after providing for depreciation, for the year ended Aug. 31, 1927, is attributed by the President, C. L. Messecar, in great part "to the general demoralization of the home market by the dumping into Canada of a comparative large quantity of inferior imported twine principally from Holland, which enters Canada free of duty or other tax, while our export business has also been affected by the closing of some of our best foreign markets by means of prohibitive tariffs and other restrictions, which practically exclude it from such markets." It may be remembered that exactly the same conditions had been reported as operating against the company during the previous year, though then the company had been able, notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions, to get profits of \$315,128, enough to take care of first preferred dividends and add \$149,915 to bring the profit and loss credit balance to a total of \$928,921. During 1927 the company paid its quarterly dividends regularly, the total for the year being \$154,629. The balance at credit to begin the new year has therefore been reduced to \$628,508.

Mr. Messecar continues: "The company has for years successfully competed and has built up its extensive business under free trade conditions in competition with British and United States manufacturers, whose labor costs and operating conditions have been very much the same as they are in Canada, and has not sought, and does not now seek, any tariff protection against reasonably fair competition. However, if the present situation that has developed should be allowed to continue, with the unprofitable conditions resulting therefrom, it will ultimately become impossible to continue the manufacture and storing of large quantities of binder twine in advance of the harvest, which is essential for the safeguarding of an adequate supply of binder twine for the harvesting of the Canadian crop, and to guarantee fair prices to the Canadian farmers."

"The first preferred shares outstanding have been reduced by \$99,525 under sinking fund requirements, and first preferred dividends have been paid regularly to date. The next dividend on first preferred shares, payable Jan. 15, 1928, has been declared."

The company has a very strong

working-capital position, its current assets being \$1,893,258 and its current liabilities only \$34,524 for accounts payable, including all accrued charges and provision for Dominion Government taxes. This leaves the working capital at \$1,858,734. There is an indirect liability of \$492,212 for customers' paper under discount. Cash stands at \$154,225, inventories at \$578,339, and bills and accounts receivable at \$1,144,684. There is a reserve for depreciation of \$191,825, as compared with \$115,507 the previous year. Trade-marks, patent rights and goodwill still stand at \$993,797. Inventories are less than half what they were in the same period of the previous year, though bills and accounts receivable are a little more. The cash position is much stronger, though the working capital is \$280,586 less than it was in the previous year.

The issued shares now stand at \$1,900,475 of 8 per cent. cumulative first preferred at \$25 par value, \$850,000 7 per cent. cumulative second preferred at \$25 par value, and 80,000 shares of no par value common stock shown on the balance sheet at \$400,000.

Good Faith and Co-Operation Europe's Crying Need

(Continued from Page 19)

Since a large proportion of the credit necessary for the rehabilitation of the devastated regions has been created within the country, France has not needed to make as large external loans as were at first anticipated. This has been a remarkable achievement. In reality, the value of the capital goods created through the rebuilding of French industry along more modern lines is a feat that has not received full recognition in the outside world.

Among the most outstanding events of the year has been the de facto stabilization of the franc. The reserves of the Bank of France are stronger than they have been for several years and a truly balanced budget now seems more possible than at any time since the war. Internal prices have fallen during the year and it was feared that this price movement would have an unfortunate effect upon foreign trade. In actual fact, however, exports for the first nine months of 1927 exceeded imports by one billion francs, whereas in 1926 imports exceeded exports by 2.6 billion francs. While too much importance should not be attached to figures showing balance of merchandise trade, yet the statistics in this case are too striking not to be worthy of special comment. The conclusion of an extremely liberal

trade agreement with Germany indicates that old hostilities are gradually dying out and that French leaders appreciate the necessity of reaching a sound economic basis.

SINCE the beginning of 1926, unemployment in Germany, which had then reached the two million mark, decreased until by October 1, 1927, it amounted to only 355,000. Germany's industry and trade are extremely active; iron and steel production, for instance, during the last quarter exceeded the production of the same quarter of 1925 by 40 per cent. The volume of foreign trade during the last three months exceeded that of 1925 by 28 per cent., but the unfavorable balance of merchandise trade remains heavy and for the quarter mentioned, it amounted to 659 million marks. So long as foreign capital is invested in Germany at a more rapid rate than Germany makes reparation payments, merchandise imports are likely to exceed merchandise exports. The most satisfactory comment which may be made concerning these imports is that they have largely consisted of raw materials for manufacture and are thus a further indication of the activity of industry. A return to normal industrial activity must be particularly welcome in a country which has experienced the industrial and commercial depression and upheaval which Germany has gone through in the last ten years.

The outstanding event of the year in Germany's financial situation has been the grave advice given to the German government by Mr. Gilbert, the Agent General of Reparations. The definite statements from him that too much money was being appropriated for educational purposes, that taxation by the central government and expenditure by local governments is likely to be a wasteful process, and that the present trend was toward too great extravagance in Germany, are worthy of serious consideration.

Proper provision must be made to meet external payments. Failure to meet such payments would be likely to reawaken old hatreds and to create international bitterness. Real hope for the recovery of Europe must rest upon a growing belief in mutual good faith and the active co-operation between the nations in restoring international commercial stability. Germany's admission to an influential position in the activities of the League of Nations constitutes a tangible recognition of the part she is expected to play in rebuilding Europe's internal and external economy.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1927

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TO STOCK BONUS DISTRIBUTED 15th JANUARY, 1927..... 807,900.00
TO BALANCE AS PER BALANCE SHEET..... 1,837,745.24
\$3,834,874.04

BY NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR AFTER DEDUCTING ADMINISTRATION
EXPENSES AND MAKING PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION AND
INCOME TAX.....

\$2,413,996.05

BY BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM LAST ACCOUNT.....

1,420,877.99

\$3,834,874.04

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

REAL ESTATE, BUILDINGS, MACHINERY, GOODWILL, ETC.,
LESS DEPRECIATION..... \$4,545,499.85
SHARES IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES AND OTHER INVESTMENTS..... 5,293,263.75
STOCKS ON HAND AT COST..... 3,431,522.24
SUNDRY DEBTORS (Less Provision for Doubtful Debts) AND DEBIT BALANCES,
INCLUDING ASSOCIATED COMPANIES..... 1,537,865.49
CASH IN BANK AND ON HAND..... 510,403.29
\$15,318,554.62

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

(Signed) SHAUGHNESSY, } DIRECTORS
(Signed) E. LAUSTER, }

30TH SEPTEMBER 1927

LIABILITIES

SUNDRY CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES, INCLUDING
ASSOCIATED COMPANIES..... \$916,113.22
DIVIDEND PAYABLE 15th OCTOBER, 1927..... 310,233.60
SHAREHOLDERS ACCOUNT:—
Capital Stock:
Authorized—1,500,000 Shares without nominal or par value.
Issued— 969,480 Shares..... \$10,958,000.00
Surplus:
Accumulated Surpluses of former Companies..... \$1,296,462.56
Profit and Loss Account..... 1,837,745.24
3,134,207.80
14,092,207.80
\$15,318,554.62

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books of the Company and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Company.

MONTREAL, 29th NOVEMBER, 1927

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Marked Growth Reported At Bank of Montreal Annual Meeting

Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., President, Reviews General Business Conditions in Canada—Sees No Reason Why Present Prosperity Should Not Continue—Refers Specially to Growth of Newspaper Industry—Warns Against Excessive Speculation.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager, in His Address Dealt More Particularly With the Business of the Bank and Referred to the General Trend of Affairs Throughout Canada.

The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal marked the close of a successful year and was featured by many interesting announcements by Sir Vincent Meredith, President, and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager.

Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., who has been president for a number of years, was elected to the office of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Executive Committee. Sir Charles Gordon, G.B.E., was elected President and Mr. H. R. Drummond, Esq., and Major-General the Honourable S. C. Mewburn, C.M.G., were elected Vice-Presidents.

An executive committee of the bank was appointed consisting of Sir Vincent Meredith, Bart., (chairman), Sir Charles Gordon, G.B.E., H. R. Drummond, Esq., and Major-General the Honourable S. C. Mewburn, C.M.G.

Sir Vincent Meredith in addressing the shareholders said in part:

"It is a pleasure to report that your Bank has had another satisfactory year. The increase in our commercial loans has been gratifying, notwithstanding the fact that many of our important borrowers have taken advantage of present money market conditions to fund their indebtedness by issuing to the public long-term obligations at a low rate of interest."

"The banks of Canada have a combined capital and rest of \$253,698,000, which is more than ample to take care of the demands of our present population of 9,389,300. The excess of capital over Canadian business requirements is so great that we are obliged to employ in New York and abroad large sums that would otherwise be idle. It is not your directors' intention, therefore, to increase the capital stock of the Bank at the present time, but rather to strengthen our Rest Account, and with this in view we are transferring \$1,000,000 from profit and loss account, bringing the Rest Account up to \$20,916,700."

BUSINESS CONDITIONS

"Trade conditions in Canada during the year have been active, and while there is still keen competition in many lines, balance sheets generally show satisfactory profits. Manufacturing evidence supports this statement, bank deposits, bank clearings, bank deposits, car loadings, railway gross earnings, imports, note circulation and lower mercantile mortality, all reveal that the tide of business has risen during the year."

"Speaking generally, manufacturing industries thrive; textile mills are fully employed; iron and steel operators continue to face strong competition from abroad, as an increasing volume of imports attests; the lumber trade shows a slight improvement; newspaper output increases; production of footwear is larger and the industry is in better state. The manufacture of motor cars has slightly diminished, but in the first nine months of the year 161,583 cars were turned out, having a value of \$195,179,000, or practically the same as in the like period of last year, though the number of cars was 700 less."

"I see no reason why an abatement of confidence in the continuance of these prosperous conditions need be apprehended."

FOREIGN CAPITAL

"Capital continues to flow freely into Canada from New York, where, it is estimated, \$300,000,000 of Canadian securities will this year have been marketed, only a fraction of which represented refunding. Canadian governmental and municipal bonds have long had a receptive market in New York, and industrial and hydro-electric power corporations are now able to borrow there at relatively low rates of interest. This introduction of foreign capital accelerates industrial development while having a favorable bearing on the exchange market and although interest and dividend remittances on the borrowings may otherwise operate, the process is, on the whole, advantageous. The omission of securities in Canada has also been large and their absorption readily made."

"The newspaper industry has had astonishing expansion in recent years, and of the building of new plants there is yet no end. Paper stability and maintained consumption have given profit to producers, but signs grow stronger that the point of saturation is approaching. If indeed it has not already been reached, Canada is now the principal pulp and newspaper producer of the world, a position not likely to be lost in the near future. In the first nine months of this year export of newspaper rose to \$94,715,000 from \$88,719,000 in the corresponding period last year, while that of pulp fell to \$35,331,000, from \$38,371,000. These figures are satisfactory, as indicating lesser export of raw material and growth of manufacture in Canada of the finished article."

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GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor in reviewing the business of the Bank, said in part:

"You have before you the one hundred and tenth annual balance sheet of the Bank."

"In accordance with custom, let me comment briefly on the principal changes therein and the more important factors in the trade and economic situation bearing on our year's business."

"First, then, in two fundamental respects, earning power and liquid strength of resources, our position continues highly satisfactory. Never have we been better prepared to care for all the normal needs of the public and to meet any business or financial exigency."

"At the close of our bank year, total assets stood at \$831,500,000 and of this amount \$481,900,000 was in liquid form—cash, call loans, securities, or other items readily realizable. These quick assets equal 63.7 per cent. of our total liabilities to the public, and this reflects the usual position in which your Bank is maintained."

"Our commercial loans in Canada have increased by about \$3,000,000 and now stand at \$255,100,000. Many of our largest industrial customers, owing to their strong liquid condition need less banking accommodation from us than heretofore; also, certain loans of a special nature which appeared upon our books last year have in the interim been paid, being replaced by advances more widely spread—an indication of greater business activity in the country generally. The total commercial loans of all Canadian banks at the end of September, the latest figures available, aggregated \$1,935,800,000."

"Our deposits total \$709,100,000, an increase of \$52,900,000 from the corresponding date last year. While much of this represents deposits of a commercial and special nature, a goodly portion of the increase has occurred in our savings department, showing both widespread prosperity and continued public confidence in the Bank of Montreal."

"As a sign of this country's growing capital resources—the deposits payable after notice in all banks exceed the total commercial loans by 360 millions, whereas 15 years ago these loans exceeded such deposits by 219 millions."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

"I have referred to the past year as the most expansive in the country's commercial history. That Canadians have experienced a greater degree of individual prosperity than ever before is, I think, undisputed. The high general level of employment, and the enhanced spending power of the people, are attributable to a succession of good harvests and to a great broadening of the basis of production. Until a few years ago Canada was best known abroad as an agricultural country, and outside capital sought investment here chiefly in government and municipal issues, and in railway building to provide transportation for an ever-increasing agricultural area. Today most of the largely increased capital coming in for investment is for industrial development. It is now fully recognized that Canada has the natural resources for the building up of a vast variety of indigenous industries, and is fitted by the character and spirit of her population to take an increasingly important place among the industrial nations of the world. The great expansion in recent years of mining and metallurgy, with their field now extending into agricultural Manitoba, and of the manufacture of pulp and paper, and those various fabrics commonly referred to as artificial silk, are spectacular instances. Scarcely less impressive is the great progress in a variety of other industries, for which the extraordinary development of hydro-electrical energy is providing the cheapest and most convenient of all motive powers. It is obvious, therefore, that whereas in earlier days we dwelt almost wholly upon our agricultural, fishery and forest resources when appraising our national wealth, we must now also take into account the country's untold wealth in water powers and in minerals."

Ontario Steel Products Changes Common Stock

AT THE special meeting of the shareholders of the Ontario Steel Products Company, Limited, held at the head office at Gananoque a resolution was passed authorizing the directors to apply for supplementary letters patent converting the common shares of the company of par value of \$100 into common shares without nominal or par value, on basis of four for one, and giving the preferred shareholders four votes for each preferred share held. Also giving the preferred shareholders option of converting the preferred shares into common shares without nominal or par value on the basis of four for one, provided such option is exercised before June 30, 1928, and changing provision as to capitalization by deleting the existing provision as to authorized capital, and substituting therefore the statement that the capital consists of 7,500 convertible preferred shares and 80,000 shares without nominal or par value.

E. L. Ruddy Co. Preferred Issue Oversubscribed

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made by Harley, Milner & Company, and R. A. Daly & Company of a new issue of E. L. Ruddy Company, Limited, the largest outdoor advertising business in Canada. The issue is for three-quarters of a million dollars of 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock with a par value of \$100 per share. It is understood that this issue is already over-subscribed.

They own a completely equipped plant of modern construction in Toronto, and also own and operate advertising structures. As official solicitors of the Canadian Poster Advertising Association, the company is able to place outdoor advertising currently in 243 towns and cities throughout Canada, reaching a total circulation of nearly 5,000,000. Commercial and electric signs of all kinds are manufactured.

The net earnings of the company for the three years ending Dec. 31, 1926 and for the months of the current year to Oct. 31, were: 1924, \$85,757.43; 1925, \$95,607.68; 1926, \$122,413.53; 1927, \$142,983.84 (ten months), or average annual earnings at the rate of \$118,589.81.

Earnings for the current year work out at the rate of over \$2 per share upon the common stock.

E. L. Ruddy, President, is to continue in the management and direction of the company.

B. C. Electric Railway Company Reports Record Year

GROSS earnings of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, and its allied and subsidiary enterprises for the year ended June 30 last were \$12,513,394.27, and the balance of earnings available for reserves and interest on share capital amounted to \$2,435,226.45. The transportation department showed revenue of \$4,747,862, as compared with \$4,591,285 the previous year, most of the increase in traffic arising from within the City of Vancouver. Freight revenue totalled \$898,468, against \$785,934 for the 1926 period, and the light and power department's sales amounted to \$4,836,238, an increase of \$416,918. The revenue of the gas department was up from \$999,259 to \$1,137,659. Expenditure on capital account during the year amounted to \$3,239,133.

Shareholders were to be asked to approve of an increase of the share capital by the creation of an additional 1,000,000 shares of \$1 each, and to also consider a resolution in connection with the remuneration of the board.

Mount Hope Bridge Company Bonds and Debentures

MOUNT HOPE BRIDGE COMPANY bonds and debentures are being offered both in Canada and the United States by William R. Compton & Company; Peabody, Smith & Company, Inc., and Hemphill, Noyes & Company. This offering consists of \$2,850,000 first mortgage sinking fund 6½ per cent. gold bonds, due Dec. 1, 1957, and \$1,300,000 25-year sinking fund 7 per cent. gold debentures, carrying the right to receive, without cost, common stock at the rate of five shares for each \$1,000 debenture. The bonds are offered at par of 100, and the debentures at 99.

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U. S. Tourists Leave Over \$80,000,000 in Ontario

ACCORDING to figures supplied by C. C. Hele, Director of Publicity for the Ontario Government, tourists from the United States left nearly \$80,000,000 in the Province this year. From this vast expenditure the Provincial Treasury benefits in revenue to the extent of approximately \$600,000, of which \$299,648 is derived from the three-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax, \$40,000 from transient liquor permit sale, \$80,500 from the sale of hunting licenses, and \$172,327.55 from sale of anglers' licenses. The gas tax and liquor figures are estimated, but the other two are definite departmental returns.

This year's tourist expenditure represents an increase of 37.5 per cent. over 1926, or, as Mr. Hele points out, an amount equal to the yearly payroll of an industry employing 53,079 men at an average of \$1,500 per annum. The sum of \$38,908,300 was left in Ontario by tourists travelling by railroad and steamship, and \$40,696,650 by automobile tourists. A 43.1 per cent. increase over 1926 is registered in the first case and a 32.2 per cent. increase in the second.

The tourist automobiles which entered the Province for more than one day—that is, those for which 30, 60 and 90 day permits were issued—totalled 392,801, or a 48.1 per cent. increase over the 265,236 figure of 1926. Of the 1927 entry 57.5 per cent. entered at ports on the Niagara River, 30.8 per cent. over the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers, 7.9 per cent. over the St. Lawrence River, and the remainder over the Rainy, Pigeon and St. Mary's Rivers, and at Toronto. The following ports showed the largest increases this season:

Bridgeburg (Peace Bridge), 52.125 of an increase; Windsor, 26.321; Niagara Falls, 23.279; Walkerville, 7.519, and Queenston, 7.348. The Port of Sarnia showed a decrease of 14.951.

Food consumption by the tourist army equalled, it is estimated by Mr. Hele, 1 per cent. of the total food consumption of the Province, or the amount eaten by its entire population for eleven full meals.

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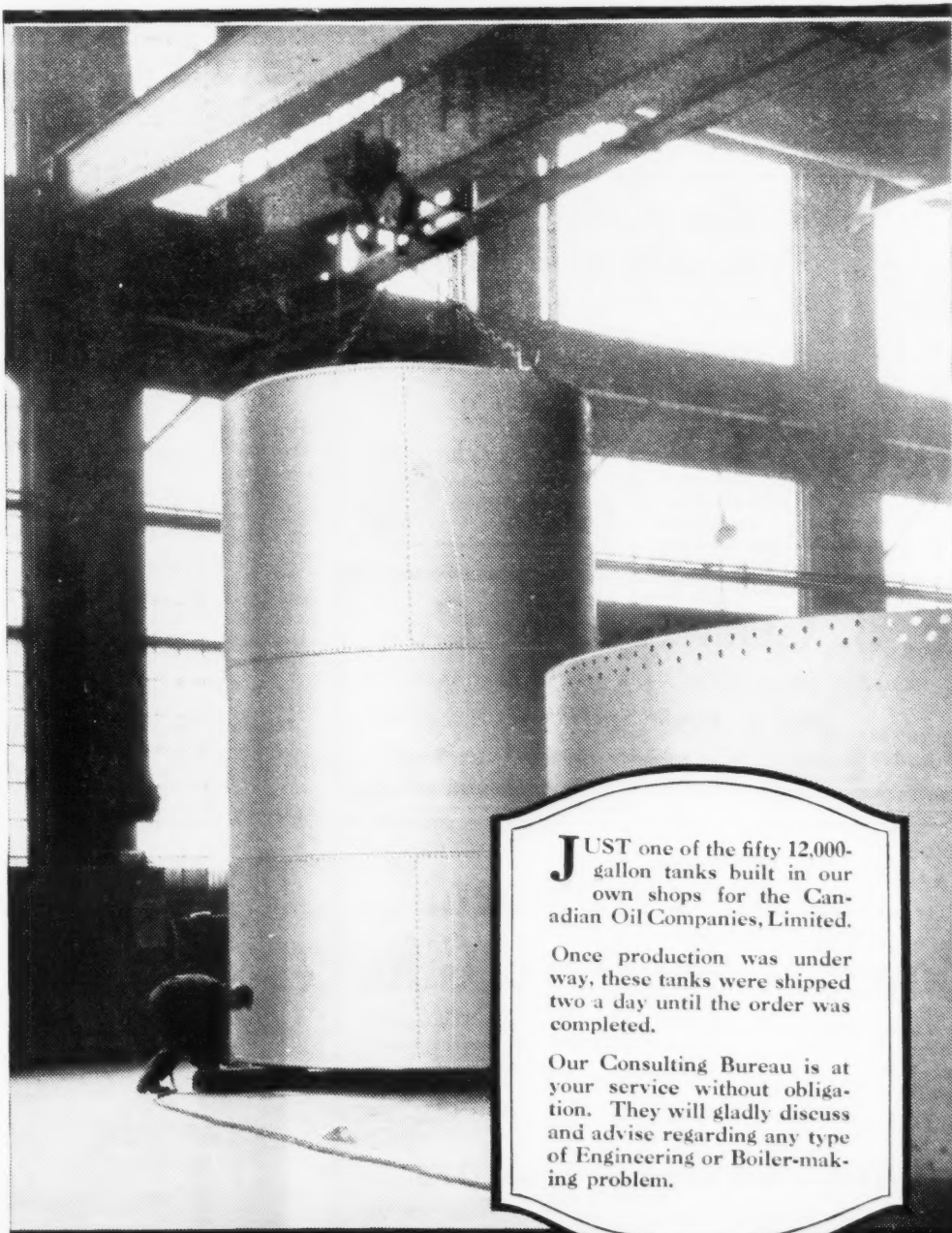
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British Industries Record Decline in Past Year

WITH but one exception every domestic industry in Great Britain during 1926-27 recorded an appreciable decline in aggregate earnings, according to advices transmitted to Bankers' Trust Company of New York. The reports of the various firms included in the survey of industrial profits cover at least six months' business under the cloud of the coal dispute, and the results testify to the ill effects of industrial strife in a highly organized modern industrial community. By "profits" is meant earnings after deduction of all charges for depreciation, taxation, officers' salaries, directors' and auditors' fees, interest, and all allocations to reserves earmarked for special purposes, such as sinking funds.

The period 1920-23 has been taken as the basis of comparison, as it includes a boom, a slump and partial recovery therefrom. It was found that the worst sufferers from the stoppage were naturally the coal, iron and steel companies, many of which were idle for several months. The survey, which was made by the Times' Trade and Engineering Supplement, reveals, however, that aggregate profits had been falling for some time, so that even in 1925-26 there was an adverse balance amounting to £1,567,000, as against an average profit in the years 1920 to 1923 of £3,742,000. The ratio of profits to paid-up capital in the basic period was 5.1 per cent.; in 1924-25 it was only 2.6 per cent., and in 1925-26 the ratio of loss was 2.3 per cent., which rose in the year 1926-27 to 3.5 per cent., when the loss for the year was £2,645,900 in the 18 companies for which data was collected. Engineering concerns, although farther removed from the actual dispute, showed a drop in earnings from 6.9 per cent. in 1925-26 to 6.5 per cent. last year. In the period 1920-23 the average earnings were 10.6 per cent. of the paid-up capital.

Cotton textile industries showed a decrease in the ratio of earnings from 7.9 per cent. in 1925-26 to 5.2 per cent. in 1926-27, and this compares with a ratio of 8.1 per cent. in the period 1920-23. On the other hand, wool textile companies by contrast with the formidable depression of 1925-26 found 1926-27 more favorable, and were able to increase the ratio of profits to capital to 6 per cent. from 2 per cent. in the earlier year. The 1920-23 period resulted in average profits of 8.6 per cent.

Taking a broad view, the returns so far are thought to suggest that while the evil effects of last year's trouble extended far beyond the industry immediately concerned, they approached grave dimensions only in the "heavy" trades.

tic matter, and Canada's policy is exclusively Canada's concern, but it is suggested in the U. S. that concessions in some other quarter may induce the Canadian Government to modify the ruling in question.

In this connection the United States Shipping Board contrasts the Canadian policy with the freedom of movement allowed American imports and exports, and claims that its own investigations have revealed that more than 60 per cent of the total movements through the Port of Vancouver, B.C., consist either of imports consigned to the United States, or exports moving from the United States to foreign ports.

Another "illustration of the co-operation between members of the British Empire for their common good" that is viewed with displeasure by the Shipping Board is a ruling of the Australian Tariff Commission which has favored British shipping plying between Vancouver and Australia as well as the Canadian Railways to the prejudice of American shipping and American railways.

This situation results from the regulation requiring the cost of rail transportation from the point of origin of shipment to the port of export to be added to the value of the goods imported in determining the amount subject to the Australian import duty. American railroads and American shipping are both prejudiced by the regulation that if the shipment is via Vancouver and if the movement is from point of origin in the United States across the Canadian border and thence trans-continental to Vancouver, the port of export is the point on the Canadian border at which the export crosses into Canada.

The effect of this regulation is to divert traffic from American roads to Canadian roads and from American Pacific Coast ports to Vancouver, B. C.

Rouyn-Larder Lake Map of Mining Fields Issued

THE locations of many of the mines which are attracting daily attention are shown on a new map just issued by the Topographical Survey, Department of the Interior, Ottawa. This is the Rouyn-Larder Lake provisional sheet of the National Topographic Series on a scale of two miles to an inch covering the territory between latitudes 49°00' and 48°30' and longitudes 79°00' and 80°00', about one half being in Ontario and the other half in Quebec. This map may be obtained from the above office upon payment of a small fee to prevent indiscriminate distribution. Printed on paper the price is twenty-five cents or upon linen backed paper or in a folder fifty cents.

The district covered is part of the Precambrian area which has proved to be a great storehouse of mineral wealth. Many mines have already been proved and many prospects are being developed. The mines and mining fields shown on this map include the Horne, Amulet, Waite-Montgomery, and Alderson-MacKay, on the east to Conroyal, Queen Lebel, King Kirkland and Bidgood on the west. The Barry Hollinger and Boston Creek mines are shown in the southwest corner of the map. The information shown was compiled from aerial photographs and is based on ground surveys made by the staff of the Geological Survey. It does not show contours but is very complete with respect to waterways, creeks, lakes, roads, etc. The map sheet lying immediately east of this district which will be known as the Rouyn Lake sheet is in course of preparation and will be issued shortly.

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And a note will float;
Better is a guinea
Than a one pound note."
—Old Rhyme.

Empire Co-Operation Displeases U. S. Shipping Board

"DISCRIMINATION against American railroads, American ports and American shipping" by the Canadian and Australian Governments is charged by the United States Shipping Board in its annual report to Congress.

The restriction of the British preferential rate to goods imported through a sea or river port of Canada has apparently been successful in its purpose of diverting traffic from United States ports to Canadian ports and from American vessels to vessels of British registry.

An American operator, who was called upon to pay the difference between the two tariff rates because a shipment was unloaded at a United States port and forwarded by rail to Canada, protested to the Shipping Board.

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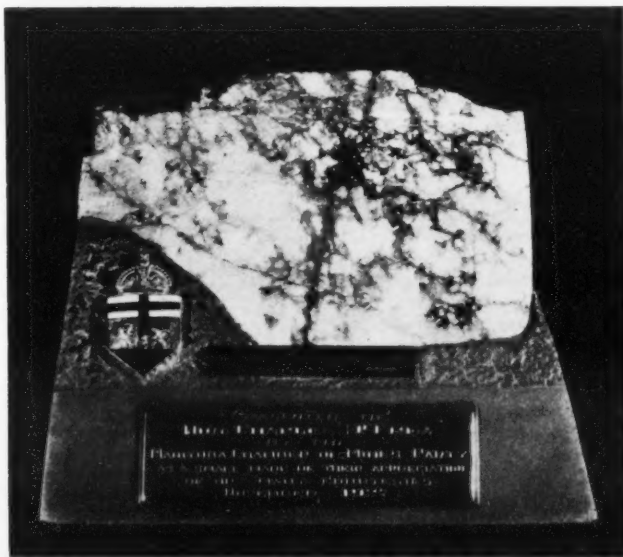
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MRS. BORIS HAMBURG.

Mrs. Boris Hambourg A Skilled Musician and One of Toronto's Charming Hostesses in the Musical World.

By Hilda Ridley

TO BE at the very heart of the musical life of Toronto, to have known many celebrities, and to be herself married to a celebrity, and yet to maintain an independent spirit and an individual outlook,—this is the characteristic of Mrs. Boris Hambourg, the gifted wife of the Director of the Hambourg Conservatory of Music.

Mrs. Hambourg has, indeed, a very distinct personality. Enter her charming apartment on a gloomy day in November—as I on one occasion did—and in her company, which subtly conveys "the illusion of a room full of witty and cultured women", one forgets the inclement weather. Her bright and versatile mind glances from topic to topic, revealing the range of her sympathies and

the compass of her reading. She does in fact read everything—from Walter Pater to Wodehouse—and in her conversation she is at one moment the serious critic and the next the admirable raconteuse of a humorous story that points her sympathetic appreciation of our human foibles.

The impression that one receives is of a vital and vivid personality. One senses it not only in her conversation and in her own striking person—those blue eyes and dark hair suggest a Celtic strain—but in the rooms that she has made beautiful. The shelves of books on either side of the wide hearth in the long low living room, gleam with color in the firelight; the low tables carry gaily colored pieces of pottery, and the walls on which hang some of her own early impressionistic sketches in oils, contribute their note to an ensemble that is characteristically colorful and charming.

In talking with her I learned something of her background. This vigorous personality, one is not surprised to learn, passed her early youth in the "great out-of-doors", and that, too, in beautiful New Zealand. Born there of Scottish parentage, she remembers many a ride through the forest, under the "umbrellas" of the ferns

that in New Zealand grow to such a gigantic size. And she not only "rode", as she points out, but "rowed", and of course participated in the great national game of tennis, which in that equable climate can be played the year round. The men of her family were usually in the Army or the Administration. A brother—Colonel Arthur Bauchop—who, during the Boer War, was distinguished as the youngest colonel in the British Army, fell in the Great War at Gallipoli. The young girl, Maria Bauchop, was educated partly in New Zealand, which has a school system excelling in its wide and varied culture, and partly in London, England. In London she received a thorough musical training, qualifying herself to teach the piano-forte by attending some of the leading schools of the city.

It was just fourteen years ago that her spirit of adventure and indomitable courage brought her to Canada where she began immediately the process of becoming "Canadianized", thus early showing her powers of adaptability.

"Indeed, I always feel that I am Canadian,—a part of Canada," she declared. "I think perhaps my knowledge of one new country gave me the outlook of another one. The kindness and hospitality of Canadians are unbounded: one feels that one is always in their debt. They took me on my own merits when I came out here and treated me most generously."

It is true that Miss Bauchop had some excellent introductions, but she insists that these did not account for the warmth of her reception. She had her own way to make as a teacher of the piano-forte, and although she was a complete stranger and quite alone, she readily found a field for her energies at the Canadian Academy of Music, where she taught for nine years, and also at Glen Mawr School. It was at this school that she came in contact with the Principal, Miss J. J. Stuart, whose friendship has been, in her own words, "a great inspiration". Miss Stuart quickly divined in her an admirable teacher,—one who had the happy faculty of eliciting from her pupils the very best of which they were capable. Pupils whose musical ability was mediocre gave Miss Bauchop all the more scope for her good teaching qualities of illustration and interpretation.

But it was not only young people who were the beneficiaries of her excellent teaching; older ones recognized in her this power, and were glad to place themselves under the tuition of one who was at once sympathetic and inspirational. Her own playing, as her intimate friends know, is characterized by excellent interpretation based on faultless technique. The quality of inspiring others, characteristic of her teaching, is manifest also in her lectures on musical subjects. For two years now she has given addresses on such themes before the Junior Musical Club, a branch of the Women's Musical Club of Toronto. She is really in her element with young people.

"I love Young Canada," she declares. "Ever since I came here I have made young people almost my responsibility. They have certainly been an inspiration to me, and I feel that the real wealth of a country lies in its young people. If one loses touch with young people, one becomes 'out of joint' with all that holds most promise for the future."

In 1923 Miss Maria Bauchop became the wife of that distinguished artist, so well known in the musical life of Toronto, Mr. Boris Hambourg. One of a trio of brilliant musicians—Mark, Boris and Jan—sons of a distinguished father, Professor Michael Hambourg, Mr. Boris Hambourg has in Canada carried on the strong musical traditions of his family. In Europe the Hambourgs were well known as interpreters and masters in the capitals of London, Paris, Madrid, Milan, Brussels and Russia. They were associated, both as students and interpreters, with some of the choicest musical spirits of the age. When, therefore, the father and two of his sons, Jan and Boris, cast in their lot with the musical life of Toronto, they contributed to it an international flavor that has done much to lift the city from a hamlet in the world of music to the recognized centre it now is. With the establishment of the Hambourg Conservatory of Music in 1911, a force was put into operation that has been the means of introducing into Canadian life some of the best European musical traditions and ideals, and has brought to this country not a few of the outstanding artists of the time.

Goelet, a wealthy American hostess. To get out of going she said she could not leave Paris under fifteen thousand francs for one evening—a large sum then. It was accepted, and two days later she was at Cannes to sing before the Prince of Wales.

"When my turn came to sing I rose and went to the piano. The Prince followed and placed his chair beside me. During my first songs he smiled encouragingly. Then suddenly he rose and went over to Mrs. Goelet and spoke in her ear. She came to me and said, 'The Prince has heard of one of your songs, 'Le Fiacre'—but he will ask you himself.' He took me by the arm, 'Mademoiselle Goelet, why do you not sing your Montmartre songs? I have read so much about your singing.'

"Monseigneur," I said, "I am much embarrassed, for Mrs. Goelet, on account of your princely quality, asked me to sing you only—er—songs for *jeunes filles*."

"The Prince burst out laughing, and asked to be allowed to choose the songs he wanted to hear."

"The Prince had a sense of humor and a simple, charming manner, the true *grand seigneur*. 'What can I do for you?' he asked, when the evening was ended."

"Come to hear me sing in London next season."

"Certainly, but you must appear at the Empire, and I will be there on the opening night." And he added, "The Empire is a first-class house and pays its shareholders 14 per cent."

"I could not help laughing at the business side of the Prince."

"But how can a Prince worry about money?" I ventured.

"Much amused, he answered, 'It takes a lot to be able to lose a lot.'"

Later, when he ascended the throne, Yvette Guilbert gave a command performance at Buckingham Palace.

"The Queen was dressed in mauve," she says, "with no other jewels except a high collar of pearls forming the top of her dress. Very thin, rather cold, but with it all very graceful, she complimented me on what she called, speaking in French, my *grande dame* manner whilst singing *des choses piquantes*. But I did not receive a flower or any small souvenir, as is usual when appearing at Court."

Upon her marriage to Mr. Boris Hambourg, Mrs. Hambourg became in a very vital sense an integral part of the Conservatory. Her contribution was not only her musical ability but her instinct for the social side of life that has made her invaluable in a household that has always loved to entertain. She shares with her husband a great love and admiration for the British Empire. The Hambourgs have never forgotten that London opened wide her hospitable doors to them after they left Russia. The celebrated Mark Hambourg makes his home there, and although Mr. Boris Hambourg has received many attractive offers from the States, he has in every case declined to leave a country which forms a part, and a most significant part as he contends, of the Empire that he loves. The traditions of the Bauchop family, too, are all strongly British. With their common outlook and musical tastes, the marriage was one of those happy events that occasionally come to those who, in pursuit of a "high emprise", find upon the journey kindred spirits who are travelling in the same direction.

As chataine of the Hambourg Conservatory, Mrs. Hambourg finds scope for some of her happiest faculties. We can see her in imagination in 18th century France, brilliantly conducting a salon, drawing to it the witty and cultured of the day. At the Hambourg Conservatory she is enabled to do the next best thing—to entertain the artists and savants who visit it—old friends of the Hambourgs and of her own, who like to make it their *rendezvous*. She has, indeed, many of the characteristics of those famous French women, Madame de Staël, Delaunay and Madame Geoffrin,—the feeling for the bigger things in social life, the wit, the vivacity, and the ability to find the *mot juste* for the expression of a delicate shade of meaning or an opinion. In a flash she can paint a vivid verbal picture of a personality, selecting with a sure instinct the salient points that make it characteristic. But with all her wide reading, her versatility, and artistic proclivities, she is not in the least pedantic. She has perhaps as little in common with the "Blue Stockings" of 18th Century England, as she has much in common with their feminine contemporaries in France. She is a woman of action, of initiative, not a pale student of books; the metal of her mind always attracts what is vital and dynamic in her surroundings. Her influence, through her many and varied contacts, will long be felt. She is one of those who are making no mean contribution to the growing life of this Canada of ours.

To a Kookaburra

It is all very well to sit on a post
And look wise and kindly and tame,
But I've an idea you're a bit of a rogue
And a poseur at times all the same.

With other birds looking for honey and seeds
As most of the rest seem inclined,
I have a suspicion, and more, that you live
On a diet not counted refined.

For snaps and for snails—even worse—I am told
You keep out a vigilant eye,
But the small boy and hunter the Government asks
To pass you respectfully by.

You are not very handsome, for instance your head
Is too big for your body, quite so,
And people regarding you often remark
"He really is funny, you know!"

And this isn't the worst,—when you see us about,
Without a compunction or fear,
You burst into laughter and chuckle and shout
As if we were the ones who were queer!

Still, there is this about you (we've known you some time)
That with all your crude diet and ways,
You seem quite a friend, almost brother, in fact,—
Could any bird hope for more praise?

—Mary A. Poynter.

*(The Australian laughing-jackass.)

A Gay Parisienne Piquant Memories of Yvette Guilbert

YVETTE GUILBERT, the singer who in her day delighted Paris and the whole world with her songs, has written "La Chanson de ma Vie" — "My Life's Song"—(Grasset, Paris), and it is a song of youth and hope, says "John O'London's Weekly". Though more than sixty summers have passed since the famous French singer saw the day in a small room perched high among the roofs of Paris, Yvette Guilbert is still young. The singer's childhood and early girlhood were passed in poverty, and her beginning was a terrible struggle. Her *début* as a music-hall singer came after two disappointing years of hard work as an actress of small parts. It was at Lyons. The turn before hers was provided by a coarse, fat woman, with rouged cheeks, thickened eyebrows, red lips, and a voice like a railway porter's, and she was a great success. When the roar of applause died down Yvette Guilbert went on, slim and pale, with the genteel manner of the theatre. For a moment there was silence, then a voice came from the front of the house:—

"She hasn't any chest."

"Left it in her trunk," added another.

And the rowdy audience, composed in great part of noisy students, chanted the two sentences alternately until the singer retired without singing more than a few notes. For six nights she tried to sing, following the all-successful stout lady, until the inevitable happened. The manager was as nice as he could be, but said she would never make a music-hall singer and advised her to return to the stage. She listened to him coldly.

"You have paid me forty francs a night, which makes twelve hundred francs a month. Well, before a year is passed I shall be singing here again, but you will pay me twelve hundred francs every time I sing."

Her words came true.

Yvette Guilbert sang at the Moulin Rouge in the palmy days of the famous Quadrilles and the Cancan danced by

La Goulue, the Môme Fromage, Rayon d'Or, and Valentin le Désossé. Here is a description of La Goulue:—

La Goulue, with her black silk stockings, her foot encased in a black satin shoe held in her hand high above her head as she spun round and round sending the sixty yards of lace of her petticoats in a circle. With a neat little kick she sent the hat of her partner flying, then slid to the floor, her black satin skirts, spreading umbrella-like in a fifteen-foot-wide circle around her.

La Goulue used to parade Montmartre followed by a tame goat, and Valentin le Désossé, never seen without his top-hat, used to drive a trap along the Boulevards.

The owner of the Moulin Rouge was Zidler, and later he inaugurated the Jardin de Paris, the open-air music-hall in the Champs Elysées.

"Zidler's friends, on Grand Prix race day," says Yvette, "knew that he would make or lose 30,000 francs, according to the weather, and all of us knew that towards six o'clock in the evening he invariably strode up and down the Champs Elysées looking at the sky. When rain clouds darkened the heaven Zidler would go into the Jardin de Paris, raise his stick, and make for the barometer. 'Salut!—take that!—and that!' and the instrument in a few minutes was in pieces."

Zidler was old, irritable, a bear, but he never broke a promise or was hard in a deal, however brusque his manner. One day he took Yvette Guilbert home to see the companion of his days. She saw "an adorable young woman of perhaps thirty (he was sixty-five) who had lived with him already for years. She was gentle, refined, homely, and Zidler hid her away from everyone. When he died she was heartbroken and followed him to the grave shortly afterwards. This astounding old man had been her first and only love."

Auguste Musleck, proprietor of the Concert Parisien, was another strange, blustering character of the Paris music-hall world. An Aide-de-Camp of the Russian Grand Duke Alexis came to him. Musleck received him unceremoniously in his shirt sleeves.


"I want a box for the Grand Duke, but, above all, you must promise not to play the Russian national anthem when he arrives."

"Entendu, Monsieur, on one condition, that when I go to St. Petersburg you will not play the 'Marseillaise'."

One evening at the Scala, Yvette Guilbert was summoned to the telephone to answer a call from Cannes to know whether she could go there to sing for Mrs. Ogden

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LONDON LETTER

A LONDON Letter which is largely about other places than London sounds like an Irish bull, but as the people concerned are also connected with London the incongruity appears less incongruous.

New C.P.R. Ships

And when I say that the most interesting events of the past week from the point of view of a Canadian were the Canada dinner at which the Prince of Wales and the Prime Minister spoke, and the launching at Glasgow and New-

senting the Ontario Government, with the ladies of their party, Captain Gillies of the C. P. R., and a number of other guests. The Duchess, who was presented with a model of the wheel with which she launched the ship, made her little speech of good wishes in a clear voice, then gave the signal, and as everyone gazed upwards, breathless with suspense, the great ship began to move, very slowly at first, and then more quickly as she slid into the water. The Launch was over.



THE SEVENTH LADY M.P. AND HER DAUGHTERS
Viscountess Iveagh, who was elected Conservative Member of Parliament for Southend by a large majority, photographed during a canvassing tour with her three daughters, the Ladies Hon. Patricia and Bridgie Guinness. Lady Iveagh becomes the seventh lady to sit in the House of Commons.

castle, respectively, of two new Canadian Pacific ships on consecutive days, it will be seen that Canada has been much in the public eye whether in London or in the North.

ONE of these days a great new vessel will move up the St. Lawrence on her maiden voyage to Montreal, to be cheered and acclaimed as the most beautiful and up-to-date oil burner afloat.

The Duchess of Atholl And when those of us who were in Glasgow last week read of the "Duchess of Atholl's" triumphal progress and of the admiration she arouses we shall remember with pride that we were the first to see her break her bounds, slip away from the land where she was built and take proudly to the water on which she is to spend the rest of her existence as a strong link between the Old Country and Canada.

To see a great vessel launched is a sight which gives one a thrill peculiar of its kind. For months the brains and hands of Man have been engaged on making her a thing of beauty, of power, of safety. In all that time she is patient, quiescent, tremendous in size compared to her makers, but an obedient mass which has no life, nor personality. One day the moment comes for the ship to be born as a living, moving thing, and one needs little imagination to see in her something far greater and more wonderful than wood and metal, electricity and machinery.

A STEADY rush through England into Scotland, in the famous "Royal Scot" which reaches Glasgow (101 miles from London) in eight hours and a quarter with only a stop at Carlisle, a night in Glasgow, and then a drive through Glasgow streets to the Dalnair yard of Messrs. William Beardmore & Co., who have built the great liner, which is one of the four new "Duchess" ships commissioned by the C. P. R. for trans-Atlantic work. As we walked across the yard to the platform below the ship, she towered enormously above the heads of the men who made her and now watched to see the launching. Nothing impressed one so much in the ceremony as the sight of those crowds of men, in working clothes and cloth caps, drawing together as the moment approached, silent and absorbed. It was a sympathetic thought of the Duchess of Atholl, M.P., who performed the ceremony of launching her namesake, that, when the formal part of the ceremony was over, she turned to the workmen and made a little speech for them alone, which was loudly cheered.

Our Tour

A large party had assembled before the Duchess arrived, which included Lord Invernairn, chairman of the Beardmore Company, Sir George McLaren Brown, European Manager of the Canadian Pacific, and Lady McLaren Brown, the Agents General for British Columbia, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Alberta, and Mr. Craig, representing the Ontario Government, with the ladies of their party, Captain Gillies of the C. P. R., and a number of other guests. The Duchess, who was presented with a model of the wheel with which she launched the ship, made her little speech of good wishes in a clear voice, then gave the signal, and as everyone gazed upwards, breathless with suspense, the great ship began to move, very slowly at first, and then more quickly as she slid into the water. The Launch was over.

Again one watched the absorbed faces of the men, as with a little tremble, the "Beaverbrae" shook herself free and rushed to meet the water. It was a scene for an etcher. The sky, the moving ship, the groups

THE lunch that followed was interesting not only for the large company of distinguished guests gathered to celebrate the launching of a Canadian ship, but for the fact that it was held in the Mould Loft where the parts of the ship were drawn to actual size from the small plans. I admit it stirred me to see the chalk marks on the floor and to know that the liner we had just seen beginning her career slowly grew from these plans.

The guests at the lunch included the Duke of Atholl, who listened with interest to the able and eloquent address by his wife; the Duke of Montrose, who made a capital speech on the great need of combination in the ship-building trade; and a number of other guests interested in Canada and in shipping. The Duchess was presented with a bookcase, which for obvious reasons was not landed across the table to her.

In her speech the Duchess referred with enthusiasm to her visit to Canada, and also to the fact that the new ship was one of 12 either under construction or contemplated by the C. P. R., forming part of the Atlantic fleet operating since 1903, and responsible for a capital expenditure of \$20,000,000 in British ship-building firms since that date.

Lord Invernairn, proposing the ship and her owners, referred to the greater need of emigrants to Canada, and Sir George McLaren Brown made an admirable speech in reply.

The following day the launch took place at Newcastle of the "Beaverbrae," one of the five super-cargo ships which the C. P. R. has just built and started on their career, which with two liners making a total tonnage in two months of 72,000.

ONE might suppose that launches were much alike, but glorious weather and a general feeling of informality and friendliness made this a different gathering from the more dignified and ceremonial affair of the previous day.

The Beaverbrae

We drove to the Walker Yard of Sir W. G. Armstrong Whitworth and Co. in the sunshine, and it was in sunshine and under a rarely lovely November sky that the "Beaverbrae" took the water with "Godspeed" from Lady McLaren Brown, who performed the ceremony. The previous day the launch was performed by the turning of a wheel which released the traditional bottle of wine. In this case the bottle, wound round and round with ribbons, was smashed vigorously against the side of the vessel, while Lady McLaren Brown in a clear voice asked for a blessing on the ship and on all that should sail with her.

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CUNARD-ANCHOR WEST INDIES CRUISES



Mrs. D. B. Hanna, Cluny Drive, Toronto, and her daughter, Mrs. H. L. C. Allward, entertained at a large tea on Friday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Hanna and her daughter received in the drawing-room, Mrs. Hanna wearing a handsome gown of gold metal cloth and black velvet, with shoulder knot of yellow roses and mauve orchids. She wore diamond earrings and platinum and diamond bar brooch. Her daughter, Mrs. Allward, was charming in a French frock of beige satin charmeuse, with shoulder flowers of roses and orchids, beige satin slippers with brilliant buckles, silver and enamel necklace. Large jars of chrysanthemums stood in the fireplace and on a table a lavish decoration of mauve

of the same flowers and gypsophila and tall yellow candles in silver candelabra, and two other tables were done with big vases of pink carnations, roses and purple iris and narcissi. The candles were in old-fashioned holders with Venetian glass shades. Mrs. W. B. Hanna, Mrs. George Dunbar, Mrs. Melville White and Mrs. John Catto poured tea for the first hour, and the assistants were Mrs. Terrance Sheard, Mrs. Leslie Blackwell, Miss Gwyn Bell, Mrs. A. C. Sanderson, Mrs. Murray Capon, Mrs. Denton Massey, Miss Helen Howard, Miss Betty Burns, Little Miss Peggy Hanna, who also assisted, wore a frock of pale green crepe. The four hundred guests included, Mrs. Howard Ferguson, Lady Flavelle, Lady

Mrs. Stewart Skinner was hostess at a delightful bridge on Friday afternoon at her residence on Coburg Street. Cards were played at five tables and the prizes were awarded to Mrs. M. A. Curry, Miss Mabel Gilbert, Mrs. John M. Robinson, Miss Annie Puddington, and Mrs. George Keator. At the tea hour Mrs. Sherwood Skinner presided over the pretty tea table, which was ornamented with pink and yellow chrysanthemums.

Miss Viola McAvity was hostess to the members of the "Junior League" Bridge Club on Tuesday evening at the family residence on Hazen Street. Saint John Bridge was played at five tables and the prizes were won by Miss Margaret Tilley and Mr. George Ramsey. Next week the Club will be entertained by Miss Peggy Jones and Mr. Ronald Jones at the residence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Jones, Garden Street.

Learning to Love

THERE is no "luck" about it, and there is no "chance" about it, but the children whose mother will guide them into simple and loving ways are fortunate children, all the same. These little girls are never going to be unpopular. They are never going to have time to stop and think whether they are unpopular or not.

So once again we have to begin in the nursery, and save the coming generation from the stupidities and mistakes we were not wise enough to avoid. And once again the cure is love.

Stop thinking about yourself entirely, you girls who feel unpopular. Look about you for someone who needs you, for something you can do for somebody else—anybody else!—than yourself. Work away grimly and determinedly at someone else's troubles, until you begin to feel within your hearts that little concern and pity and interest that turns so readily into love.

Train yourselves to love. Not only the young man who might conceivably love you in return, and make you the object of a flattering affair, but some lesser object, the mother or aunt who needs you, the fruit woman's baby, the crippled elevator boy, the sunsets and sunrises, trees and waters of the big world.

Girls whose lives are rich in love affairs know this—that to be "in love" is to see all the world rose-colored; even the most trifling and insignificant detail takes on a sort of magic, and bread and butter and a garret are more wonderful, in the loved one's company, than all the riches of the world without him.

All life could be like that for us all, all the time, if we were a little wiser about the things of the spirit, if we knew how to cultivate our enormous and unlimited powers of loving life and the world. And few of us are so stupid and so unfortunate that we don't love something—not everything, perhaps, but many things.

The more we try to love life, and to study it and understand it, the more love flows into our souls and out of them again.

Such tremendous souls as Brownings, for instance, actually seem to love everything—slums, and oceans, and children's two-penny toys, and the stars. They had the secret—only it is not a secret. It is a perfectly obvious rule for a happy life.

No woman needs to be unpopular. Any woman, beginning now, could be so popular in a few years that her one prayer would be to escape from the too-insistent demands of lovers and friends.

All she has to do is to begin to give, rather than to take. All she has to do is to meditate, for a few minutes, upon the words that nobody in 2,000 years has succeeded in proving untrue:

"He that would be first among you, let him be as one who serves."

Lurid Letters

My breakfast notes I write in blue—I feel like that, and so would you. A warmish pink ere luncheon comes—Te cheer my guests, likewise our "tums."

Orange is right for tea dispatches While cocktail time has purple patches. A softer mood dictates pearl grey For dainty dance notes.

But ere bed I pen one hectic note in Red.

THIS, my dears, is the song of the Modern Girl, who must have a different shade of notepaper for every occasion, every passing mood. Her cubistic writing desk looks as if a cat had had a fit in the middle of a rain-bow.

Morning mist, a soft grey, is a fashionable tint, others are malachite green, fragaria (carnation pink), sweet jasmine, myosotis, and lilac time (delicate mauve). But to be thoroughly in keeping with the time of year you ought to have at least two different autumnal tints—petunia, for instance, so dark that the ink is difficult to see against it, or bracken brown, whose name needs no explanation. But, whatever else you have, you must not omit to have plenty of bright reds and pinks to cheer up your correspondents after our dismal summer. Otherwise your range of colors may depend entirely on your range of moods (I don't know what the sulky woman uses!)

A decorative initial or monogram is placed right up in the left-hand corner of each piece of notepaper, and envelopes should be of thick hand-made paper in the stylish wallet shape. As for the texture of the writing paper, you have the choice of vellum, parchment, and handmade maize. The last has a ripple finish.

But don't think you have done with

the vagaries of Fashion when your notepaper looks like the flowers that bloom in the Spring, tra la! Oh, dear me, no! You must have an assortment of colored inks, each one carefully chosen to contrast pleasantly—or unpleasantly, it depends on your mood and nature—with some one of the shades of notepaper.

Lastly, pens! Your pen stand must look like the same cat doing a second performance in the same rainbow. The makers of fountain pens have been doing their gallant best to meet the demand, but they cannot rival the quill-pen makers. Your pen should be a quill at least a foot long and precisely matching your notepaper. Then and then only will you be thoroughly up-to-date.

A Winter Song

Up in the morning's no' for me,
Up in the morning early;
When a' the hills are cover'd wi' snow
I'm sure it's winter fairly.

Cauld blaws the wind frae east to west,
The drift is driving sairly;
Sae loud and shrill's I hear the blast,
I'm sure it's winter fairly.

The birds sit chattering in the thorn,
A' day they fare but spairly;
And lang's the night frae e'en to morn;
I'm sure it's winter fairly.

—Burns.

A fool must now and then be right by chance.—Coveper.

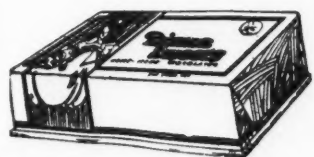


MRS. ANDREW STARKE, OF MONTREAL
Who before her recent marriage in Ottawa, was Frances Cousens, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Carden Cousens, of Ottawa.
—Photo by Paul Horsdal.

chrysanthemums also. Mrs. I. C. Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hanna, who assisted in the drawing-room, wore a becoming gown of black lace with long ivory sleeves, long diamond earrings, and shoulder knot of Richmond roses. Mrs. J. B. Hendrick, of Hamilton, sister of Mrs. Hanna, wore a frock of black satin with flechu collar of narrow colored velvet ribbons. Mrs. W. B. Hanna was in a French frock of black chiffon with narrow bands of brilliants, and roses on the shoulder. Mrs. Denton Massey wore a smart frock of ivory crepe romaine with green shoes. Mrs. George Dunbar was in powder blue crepe. An orchestra played delightful music throughout the afternoon. In the paneled dining-room, with its fine pictures, three tables were arranged for tea. One was done with a silver urn of yellow roses, and smaller vases

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Miss Elisabeth Laidlaw, of Bernard Avenue, and Mrs. Grenville Rolph, Toronto, have been in New York, delegates to a Junior League Conference.



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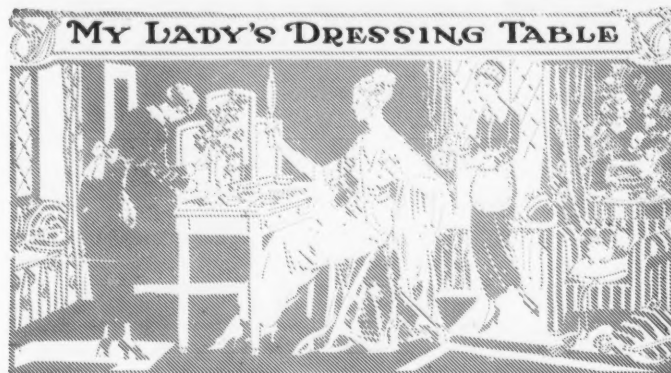
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SO IT is here again, with its mistletoe and holly and its Dickens' players and all the glorious traditions of Yuletide. We all know that the holly is the Christmas flower—but few of us remember that the turquoise is the December jewel. Speaking of jewellery, don't forget to tuck in a few bits for Christmas gifts—for jewellery is very much the fashion just now. A woman writing of her friend Anne's wedding says: Christopher doesn't know it yet, but Anne has the best-looking watch for him that I've ever seen. Its plat-



VEILED BEAUTY

The return to fashion of the eye-veil is seen on this pretty hat of black velvet. It has an intriguing effect.

inum and so thin I should think he might eat it by mistake, taking it for a wafer. Anne says it is to wear with evening clothes and that if she has only half the trouble getting Christopher to put on his evening clothes as her mother does with her father, the gift will not have been in vain.

Anne doesn't know this, either, but Christopher has the loveliest pin for her—diamonds and sapphires. She is mad about sapphires—they're her birthstone—and Christopher may forget other details, but he has that firmly fixed in mind.

Well, we had what I call a delectable morning, choosing shoulder pins for six bridesmaids—you may pay anything you please and none of the stones in these settings are offensively large, so they don't suggest expense as the first thought. My gift is a bracelet set with emeralds—my birthstone. By the way, emeralds are high in favor this year and they are showing "sets" of them—bracelet, brooch, choker and earrings.

Christopher's favorite among Anne's trousseau frocks is a warm brown velvet—Anne is a dream in brown. With this she plans to wear her yellow topazes. Her father gave her her choice between a topaz or an amethyst set and the brown velvet decided Anne in favor of the former. She has a large square-cut stone in a gold setting, long gold-rimmed topaz earrings, and an exquisite pendant on a gold chain—a gift from Christopher. She also has the choker topaz necklace. Anne is partial to gold settings with brown, and she will sometimes wear her grandmother's gold beads and the wide gold bracelet also willed to her, with this brown frock. Oh yes, she has a flexible gold necklace too, and she has to keep it hidden from her bad small brother who yearns to "play snake" with it. There will be occasions, like the first formal dinner after her mar-

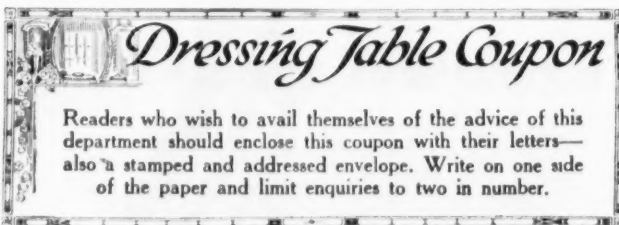
riage, when Anne will wish to be every inch the dignified young matron. To further this impression she has a supple black velvet in reserve and a diamond and platinum pendant her adoring father gave her. The pin to match it was a gift from adoring mother last Christmas. She has onyx and diamond earrings, too, and a bracelet. Anne always wears long earrings—some of hers are four inches long! She says they add length to her face. I look better in the hoop style—Willson says I wouldn't make a bad gypsy.

Anne is hoping for pearls from her god-mother who promised them as a wedding gift years ago. Meanwhile, to wear with her going-away suit (a tweed in a greenish cast), she has a long chain of jade and white gold, a wide jade bracelet, sleeve links in gold, set with jade, and the inevitable earrings to dangle below her green velvet turban.

She will insist that color is the important thing to remember and she has a number of lovely things more novel than expensive. I do envy her the carnelian and white enamel set she intends to wear with a knitted white sports suit and a scarlet felt hat. She has a good many bracelets—she says they comfort her when she has a poor bridge hand—and most of these are set with inexpensive stones carefully chosen to harmonize or contrast with some particular frock. Her hats are plain, but have heaps of style—she changes the ornaments, set with brilliants—back and forth. A flower shoulder pin in gold (instead of the ribbon or feather posey worn so long), makes an afternoon gown interesting.

Christopher, like most men a stickler for sentiment and tradition, got it into his head that he wanted Anne to have a gold wedding ring. She was very sweet about it and went with him to consult the jeweller who sold them the engagement ring. He told them frankly that while a few gold wedding rings are sold, they are bought on impulse and both the man and the girl are apt to regret the purchase later. He told Anne the most fashionable wedding ring this year is the platinum, set all around with tiny diamonds—baguette, I think he called them. But the jeweller also said quite honestly that he didn't like the studded ring as well as the plain band. Anne and Christopher chose a ring of platinum.

We didn't get the gifts for the



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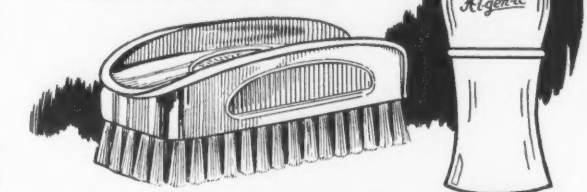
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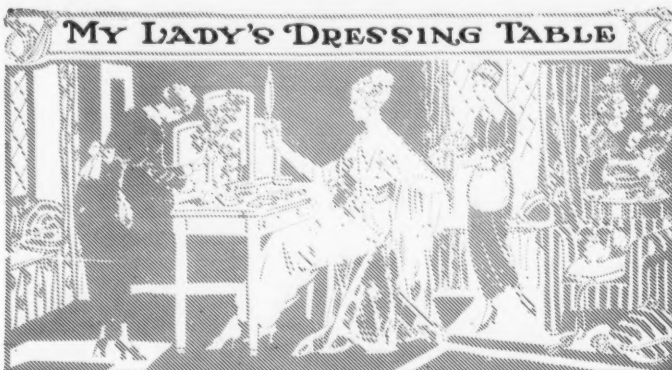
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riage, when Anne will wish to be every inch the dignified young matron. To further this impression she has a supple black velvet in reserve and a diamond and platinum pendant her adoring father gave her. The pin to match it was a gift from adoring mother last Christmas. She has onyx and diamond earrings, too, and a bracelet. Anne always wears long earrings—some of hers are four inches long! She says they add length to her face. I look better in the hoop style—Willson says I wouldn't make a bad gypsy.



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The return to fashion of the eye-veil is seen on this pretty hat of black velvet. It has an intriguing effect.

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Anne doesn't know this, either, but Christopher has the loveliest pin for her—diamonds and sapphires. She is mad about sapphires—they're her birthstone—and Christopher may forget other details, but he has that firmly fixed in mind.

Well, we had what I call a delectable morning, choosing shoulder pins for six bridesmaids—you may pay anything you please and none of the stones in these settings are offensively large, so they don't suggest expense as the first thought. My gift is a bracelet set with emeralds—my birthstone. By the way, emeralds are high in favor this year and they are showing "sets" of them—bracelet, brooch, choker and earrings.

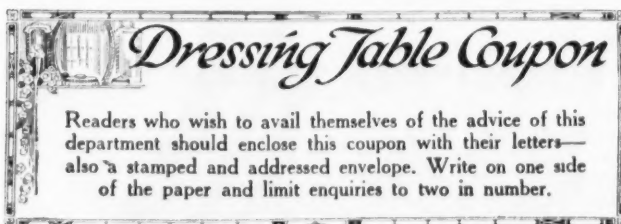
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Christopher, like most men a stickler for sentiment and tradition, got it into his head that he wanted Anne to have a gold wedding ring. She was very sweet about it and went with him to consult the jeweller who sold them the engagement ring. He told them frankly that while a few gold wedding rings are sold, they are bought on impulse and both the man and the girl are apt to regret the purchase later. He told Anne the most fashionable wedding ring this year is the platinum, set all around with tiny diamonds—baguette, I think he called them. But the jeweller also said quite honestly that he didn't like the studded ring as well as the plain band. Anne and Christopher chose a ring of platinum.

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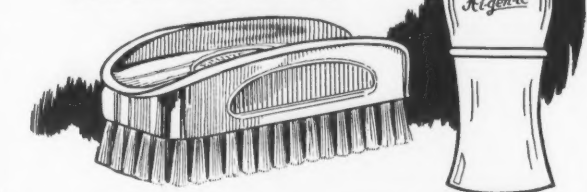
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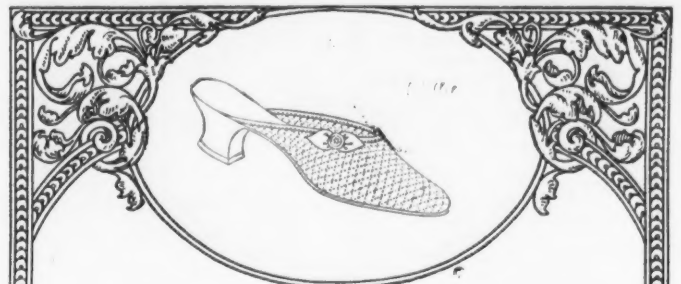
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THE French couturiers have been so busy, thinking up designs sufficiently thrilling to make woman want to get dressed up in the afternoon, that they have rather neglected sports attire this season, although it is doubtful if that delightful apparel could possibly be improved beyond its present state of smartness and comfort. They have, however, set aside some special jewellery of the colored stone and heavy gold variety for sports wear.

A woman naturally doesn't dash around a golf course wearing a diamond necklace and bracelet of splendid workmanship and amazing cost, but a diamond-studded brooch would be perfectly safe and add a gay touch to a plain frock.

In the case of the ensemble in the accompanying photograph, the brooch has a centre of green jade, which matches the jade beads of the young woman's necklace, her earrings, ring and bracelet, and the stripes in her dress. As a matter of fact, it isn't jade but green onyx in all but the brooch and necklace, but the effect is the same so far as the color scheme is concerned—which is, of course, the most important thing. Even this lucky damsel's vanity case is jade green.

When Sick for Home

The town that calls to me
Is by the North Sea set,
The gulls go laughing there
The sands are wet.

My heart has tears in it
Remembering little things—
The way the sunlight lit
The seagulls' wings.

The way a wave would foam
Around a shell.
The brown sails set for home
When evening fell.

—Anne Hepple.



Hon. Janet Aitken, only daughter of Lord Beaverbrook and the late Lady Beaverbrook, was married on Monday, December 12, to Ian Douglas Campbell, heir-presumptive to the Dukedom of Argyll, in St. Columba's, Church of Scotland, Pont Street. The wedding was held at the time and place originally announced, but owing to the death of the bride's mother on December 1, it was very quiet. Only the immediate relatives were present. There was no reception after the wedding. The bridegroom is a son of the late Douglas Walter Campbell, and a grandson of Lord Walter Campbell, and also first cousin once removed of the present Duke of Argyll. His home is at Sonachan, Dalmally, Argyllshire.

Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Max Haas, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew MacLean, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross, Mr. and Mrs. John Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. C. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Huntley Christie, Miss Margaret Mulock, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seltz, Mr. and Mrs. John McKee, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case, Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacDonald, Major and Mrs. Carr-Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Dymont, Miss Margaret Parker, Mrs. Alice Eaton, Miss Nancy Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hett, Mr. and Mrs. H. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Phippen, Mr. and Mrs. James Suydam, Miss Joyce Warden.

Boyd presided at the prettily arranged tea-table, and were assisted by Miss Ruth Porter, Miss Nancy Matthews, Miss Helen Wright, Miss Mary Kerr, Miss Naomi Anglin, Miss Dyonise Rochereau de la Sablière, Miss Katharine Strickland, Miss Elizabeth Scott and Miss Dorothy Towers.

Owing to New Year's Day falling on Sunday this season, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario will hold the usual New Year's Day reception on Monday, January 2, at Government House, Rosedale, from eleven o'clock A.M. till 12.30.

The Bishop Strachan School Association of Toronto will hold their ninth Annual Ball in aid of their Social Service Work, at Casa Loma, on Tuesday night, January 3, 1928.

Among those who attended the games of the Toronto Officers' Indoor Baseball League at the Armouries on Saturday night of last week, when Mrs. Clifford McCreary, Mrs. W. A. Moore, Mrs. Herbert Alley and Mrs. George MacLaren were hostesses, were, General Arthur Bell, Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. William Southam, Dr. Fulton Hixson, Colonel Ernest Minns, Captain and Mrs. Sidney Wedd, Major and Mrs. Marani, Captain Kingsmill, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rolph, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Millman, Colonel and Mrs. Seth Pepler, Major R. Sankey, Captain Keith Caruthers, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hambley, Miss Ruth Strange, Colonel Colin Harbottle, Miss Evelyn Johnston, Colonel and Mrs. Ian Sinclair, Major Dempster, Captain W. W. Forsyth, Miss Betty Lee, Mr. Jack Sprague, Miss Marion McMillan, Captain and Mrs. Eric Jones, Captain and Mrs. Hume Crawford, Miss Jean Harper, Mr. Graeme Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Ruthven, Colonel and Mrs. Albert Poupore, Captain Gerald Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fyfe, Captain and Mrs. E. Poirton, Miss Anne Rooney.

Mrs. Crow-Baker, of Victoria, B.C., with her niece, Miss Jean Ross, are in Toronto and will be at the Alexandra for a few weeks before leaving for the South.

Miss Cecil Eustace Smith, Miss Jim Eustace Smith, Mr. Montgomery Wilson and Mr. Eastwood gave a delightful exhibition of the Four which they will skate at Olympia, on Saturday afternoon of last week at the Skating Club of Toronto. There were many enthusiastic spectators and a most enjoyable time was spent. A few of those present were, Mrs. Eustace Smith, Miss Ethel Kirkpatrick, Miss Mabel Kerr, Colonel, Mrs. J. P. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Montgomery, Mr. Chick Foster, Mrs. John Curson, Mrs. D. T. Symons, Mr. C. Capreol, Miss Constance Wilson, Miss A. Bird, Miss Dorothy Foster, Stephen Jarvis, Mrs. de Leigh Wilson, Miss Louise Bertram, Mrs. C. L. Foster, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Parsons, Miss Wadsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. P. Parker, of Toronto, entertained at a dinner dance at the Hunt Club on Saturday night of last week, in honor of their daughter Margaret's birthday. Mrs. Parker was smart in a French gown of white satin, gracefully draped, and Miss Margaret was charming in black georgette with diamante. Mr. and Mrs. Parker's guests included, Miss Isabel Cawthra, Mr. George Beardmore, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beardmore, Mr. and Mrs. Rustan Parker, Colonel Ponton Armour, Mrs. Armour, Miss Marjorie Mulock, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Macintosh, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Greene, Mrs. F. Johnston, Miss Isabel McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lowndes, Miss Helen Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hayes, Miss Winifred Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Somers, Miss Edith Coleman, Mrs. J. Clark, Miss Jean Grieg, Miss Frances Gurney.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Marshall are again in Toronto from New York.

Mrs. A. H. Beaton, of Toronto, will entertain at a tea-dance on Saturday afternoon, December 31, in the Pompeian room at the King Edward Hotel, in honor of her debutante daughter, Miss Margaret Beaton.

Miss Jean Francis, of Toronto, is spending three weeks of the Christmas season in Spain.



MISS MARGARET MATHESON
Daughter of Archbishop S. P. Matheson, Archbishop of Rupert's Land, and Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada. Miss Matheson is a popular debutante in Winnipeg this season.

Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario gave a small dinner on Tuesday evening of last week for Colonel Agar Adamson, who is sailing for England shortly. The following were present, Mr. Clarence Robert, Mr. John M. Lyle, Mr. S. H. Logan, Mr. H. D. Burns, Mr. A. O. Beardmore, Mr. Stephen Haas, Mr. A. M. Stewart, Mr. H. R. Tadpole, Mr. J. L. Coulson.

Miss Polly Richardson, Miss Elsie Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Greene, Mrs. E. V. Eaton, Miss Virginia Gundy, Miss Charlotte Towers, Mr. and Mrs. Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamilton, Miss Ruth Grierson.

Mrs. Gordon Fleck, of Vancouver, is visiting her brother, Colonel Warren Darling, and Mrs. Darling in Toronto.

Mrs. Edward Rathbun, of Deseronto, is a visitor in Toronto, guest of the Misses Maston.

Mrs. K. R. Marshall, of Toronto, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Maurice Hodgson, in Montreal, is again in Toronto.

Miss Phyllis Pison, of Toronto, recently left for England.

Miss Falconer, of Halifax, N.S., is a visitor in Toronto, guest of Sir Robert and Lady Falconer, of Queen's Park, for the Christmas season.

Mrs. John Ince, of Toronto, has been spending a few days in New York.

Mrs. Henry J. Lamb, of Toronto, held a delightful At Home on Wednesday afternoon, December 14, in the Drawing Room of the Alexandra Apartments, University Avenue, to introduce her daughter, Marjorie, Mrs. G. Hunter Ogilvie and Mrs. Edmund

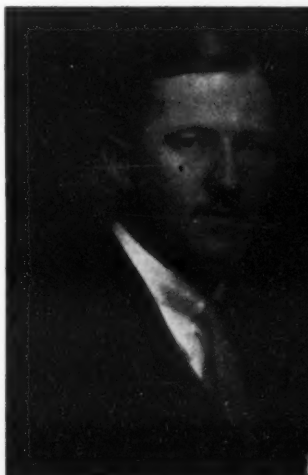


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AN INTERESTING TORONTO ENGAGEMENT
Colonel and Mrs. A. E. Kirkpatrick, of Toronto, recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Ethel, and granddaughter of Sir William Mulock, to Dr. Howard H. Burnham, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Burnham, of Toronto. Dr. Burnham is Colonel of the 16th Field Ambulance, C.A.M.C.



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There are about 3,000 telephones installed in British streets; of these 550 are in London.



Lady Kingsmill and her daughter, Miss Dana Kingsmill, of Ottawa, were in Toronto for Mr. Alfred Beardmore's dinner for Miss Isobel Ross, and were the guests of Mrs. H. J. Fisk, Devon House, for a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Kirkwood, the latter Dean of the Women's Union of the University of Toronto, entertained at tea on Saturday afternoon of last week in honor of Principal Maurice Hutton of University College. Principal Hutton and his daughter, Miss Ruth Hutton, the latter in black georgette with Oriental embroidery, received with Dr. and Mrs. Kirkwood. Mrs. Kirkwood was in mauve charmeuse with lace, wore an embroidered ivory shawl.

Mrs. George Dickson, of Elm Avenue, Rosedale, Toronto, entertained at dinner on Sunday night for Dr. and Mrs. Alan Menzies, of Princeton University, who have been visiting in Toronto, and who left on Monday night of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Brock, of Montreal, and their family will be in Toronto for the Christmas season, guests of the Misses Brock.

Mrs. Bertram Johnston, of Toronto, entertained at dinner on Friday night of last week prior to Mr. Alfred Beardmore's dinner in honor of Miss Isobel Ross, daughter of the Lieut. Governor of Ontario.



MRS. CARLTON W. ALLEN, OF MONTREAL, AND DAUGHTERS, NANCY AND BARBARA.
Mrs. Allen is a daughter-in-law of Mrs. Hedleigh Bond, of Toronto.

and carried pink roses. The tea tables attractively decorated with yellow candles and exquisite spring flowers, fresh, jingling and marbles, were presided over by Mrs. Owen, Mrs. G. S. Brette, Miss Ford and Miss Charlotte Valentine. There was a large number of guests, among whom were, Sir Robert and Lady Falconer, Mrs. G. W. Monk, Professor and Mrs. J. C. MacLennan, Professor and Mrs. McIlwraith, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Anderson, Professor and Mrs. C. H. Mitchell, Hon. Howard Ferguson, Mrs. Ferguson, Professor and Mrs. John Satterley, Dean Packenham, Professor and Mrs. Curdell, Miss Lawlor, Mrs. Le Pau, Miss M. W. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Russell, Professor and Mrs. Oswald Smith, Professor and Mrs. Cosgrave, Dr. and Mrs. W. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Parsons, of Forest Hill Road, Toronto, entertained at tea on Saturday afternoon of last week, Mrs. Parsons receiving in a black chiffon velvet gown with pearls and rhinestones. Assisting Mrs. Parsons were, Mrs. E. A. Hetherington, Mrs. Harry Gooderham and Mrs. C. A. Withers. Mrs. Parsons is entertaining again at tea on January 12.

Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, of Charlotte-town, P.E.I., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Boyle Travers, and Dr. Travers, at their residence on Lancaster Avenue, West Saint John.



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Colonial Furniture in the Island Province

By Blodwen Davies

WE have reached a time, in Canada, when we have both the leisure and the inclination for a little self study, and we are discovering that, young though we are as a nation, we have developed provincial characteristics of absorbing interest.

Quebec's native characteristics have already been capitalized successfully, but in the Maritimes there has been

table is the only piece of furniture to survive a fire which totally destroyed the Wright home and furnishings many years ago.

A contemporary of the Holland clock, and one of a host of "grand-fathers" on the Island, is a quaint old time-piece with wooden works and hands, which stood for many years in a New Jersey farm house before it came to the Island with the Loyalist family of Robins in 1783. There is a tragic interest in this old clock, too long to relate here, and it is still in

found many beautiful old pieces of furniture. Happily, many of their dwellings have been undisturbed for many years, and they were big enough to shelter the accumulations of each generation. More happily still, there has developed in many of the younger generation a genuine love of old furniture quite independent of its romantic associations. These younger people are now sufficiently wide awake to search out the obscure hiding places of good old pieces, and to rescue them from the hands of the Philistines. Many a lovely bit of eighteenth century mahogany has revealed itself under a coat of yellow paint, and many an old fruit wood chair has been retrieved from a disguise of home-made upholstery.

In one old home on the Esplanade in Charlottetown I found two beautiful fiddle-back chairs of undoubted Louis the Fifteenth origin, and knowing something of the history of the family, I had an inkling from whence they had come. They were brought to the Island, I was told, by one of the Desbrisays, one of the earliest officials of the colonial government, and came by intermarriage into the family of their present owners. They were certainly as lovely bits as might be found anywhere on the Island.

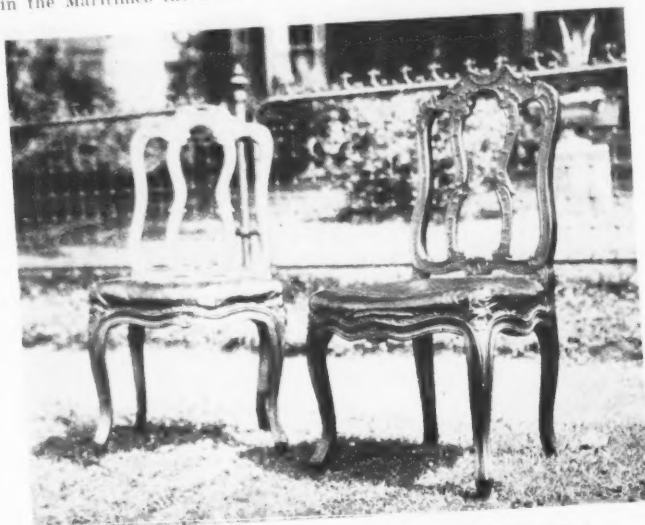
Out in Mount Melish I found a pair of beautiful old Windsor chairs, in the possession of Samuel Lane, cousin of Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior in the Wilson cabinet, who was also Island-born. These chairs came from Yorkshire in the eighteenth century with Henry Lodge, great-grandfather of the present owner. Henry Lodge, being under the impression that he could bring no furniture with him aboard the crowded vessel in which he was to sail, disposed of all he owned to neighbors, and then, too late, discovered he had been misinformed. One of his friends, realizing the good man's keen regret, gave him back these two chairs, which have been carefully treasured by the Lanes ever since.

The old Peters home, on the outskirts of Charlottetown, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duvor, has been filled with fine old furniture by its youthful owners. Among their treasures is a drop-leaf table, which is probably one of the oldest pieces of furniture on the Island. In fact, it was old when it came to the Island in the eighteenth century with the Kellough family, which settled at Cornwall. It is of oak, quite black with age, and its hand-hewn wood has been put together with hand-made nails.

Most intriguing of the old pieces of eighteenth century furniture are those with secret drawers and hiding places. I saw one fine old mahogany chest of drawers, with great ball feet, and hand-turned ebony handles, which had a large shallow drawer ingeniously hidden. Its front formed part of the moulding just under the top of the chest, and it was necessary to remove one of the top drawers to reach the finger hole by which it could be moved out.

Up until the Island's entry into Confederation in 1873, the colony was governed by British officials. The home of the Governor was that lovely century-old mansion, west of the capital, on the waterfront, which to-day stands deserted and forlorn. Each of the vice-regal families brought to the Island a store of household furnishings, and most of them, on the termination of their regimes, disposed of their belongings to the Islanders and returned to England to outfit themselves in the prevailing modes. Thus it is that here and there you will find splendid English pieces to which their official associations still cling.

One of the earliest and most curious of these relics is Governor Fanning's table, which must often have resounded to banging fists in those stormy years when he and the governor he displaced lead rival factions in the government. Across one leaf of the table is a great crack, well onto a hundred and fifty years old, upon which there hangs a tale. Governor Fanning, it is said, at one of his gayest parties, undertook to do a step dance on the top of this table, and stepping too close to the corner, lost his balance, and table and all crashed. He must have had some reason for commemorating that merry party, for he kept the table, crack and all, and later on presented it to a friend, James Laird, who passed it on to an adopted son, Jeremiah Einman, grandfather of the present owner. The



LOUIS XV CHAIRS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. These chairs were brought to the Island by the first of the Desbrisays.

only a recent awakening to the value of their old colonial attributes. The provincial, or more properly speaking, colonial flavor to life in Prince Edward Island, for instance, constitutes one of its chief charms. As an Island colony it was geographically isolated, and that very circumstance has preserved its old English atmosphere.

To this day the Island gives an impression of colonial life. Charlottetown transports one back into pre-Confederation days. Its public buildings and its old market-place are set in a square and ringed around with shops in a distinctly early English fashion, but it is in the old houses that one feels most intimately the colonial atmosphere, among the relics of those old and flourishing days when prosperous Islanders built and sailed their own fleet vessels around the world, when rich merchants and traders ransacked the market places of three continents for furnishings for their Island homes.

Occasionally one finds among the nineteenth century furnishings relics of another age, eighteenth century pieces which came to the Island with Loyalist settlers, or with colonial officials sent out from England to manage the affairs of the new colony. Unfortunately, there are very few pieces that go farther back than that, to the earliest age in Island history, the French Occupation. The life of French colonials was one of hardship and neglect. Acadians expelled from Nova Scotia took little with them, and left little more when they fled at the arrival of the conquering English. The three or four hundred who had the courage to remain hid for years in the woods and remote places and passed on only the rarest of relics to their descendants.

There is one old Louis the Fifteenth table which, according to its owner, was the property of a French family prior to the Conquest, but of its authenticity there is grave doubt.

There are, however, interesting pieces of furniture which travelled to the Island with the earliest British settlers, and chief among them all in point of interest and in value is the magnificent old brass-faced clock which went there with Samuel Holland, friend of Wolfe and the original surveyor, who laid out the Island in the "lots" which to this day constitute divisions of the province. This old clock it was which he used in making his calculations, and it stood in his little home on Observation Cove when his son, the first British baby on the Island, came into the world. The clock, and a very beautiful facsimile of Holland's famous report are now in the possession of his great great-granddaughter in Summerside.

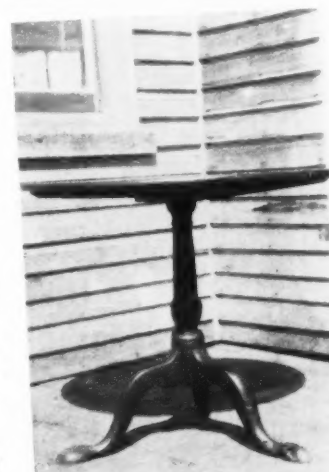
In Souris there is a pretty three-legged, tip-top table, which travelled all the way from Kent in England in 1764 with the first of the Wright family. Two of the Wrights in turn succeeded Samuel Holland as Surveyors-General, and there are numerous descendants on the Island today. The



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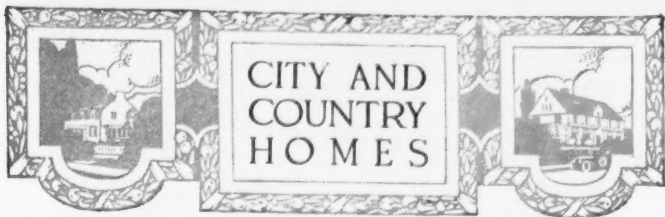
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crack has never been repaired, though the table is in daily use, and the walnut has been scrubbed white by generations of housewives. To-day it is in a tiny farmhouse in Cherry Valley district.

A few months ago there passed away an old lady whose treasures included a tip-top table which stood in the room occupied at Government House by the fairy Prince, nineteen-year-old Edward of Wales, who visited the Island in 1860. She had also a mahogany chest of drawers with a

house in a region celebrated for its seamen. I mounted to a room under the gables with an old-fashioned oil lamp in my hand. I set it down and surveyed the quaint room. There was a little old spool-turned bed, covered with a tufted quilt, in one corner. Beside it stood a rocker, swathed in a "tidy," with cushions on seat and back. There was an intriguing line to that old chair and in a twinkling I had it stripped of its disguise, and there was revealed as pretty a painted New England rocker as you might



AN INTERESTING AND TIME WORN TABLE
This table with its broken leaf, belonged to Governor Fanning—notice the legs of the table.

little swinging mirror, into which the Prince glanced for a final inspection before he descended to the ball room to set her heart afflutter when, as pretty Mercy Coles and daughter of the Governor, she waltzed with him to the strains of some sweet song. The three pieces of old furniture seemed forlornly out of place in a dealer's shop after more than three score years of loving care.

The furnishings that came and went from old Government House have been scattered far and wide. An effort has recently been made to trace some of it and retrieve it. To-day the official Government House is the private residence of Lieutenant-Governor Hartz, and there he has found places for numerous pieces of historic interest. But the walls of the Hartz home are not elastic and much has had to be stored away in the capacious attic. Some day, all lovers of old things upon the Island hope it will be possible to rehabilitate the old mansion and install once more its scattered treasures and house the Island's Governor in his right and proper setting.

However, the bulk of the old furniture came in the days when the Island seamen sailed around the world, trading and adventuring. From the descendants of the Selkirk Settlers there came no less than three hundred deep sea captains. Sailor fashion, these men brought their families fine bits from far-away ports, and so you come upon furniture from Old and New England and treasures from the Orient as well.

I spent one night in a country

wish. It was black with a flower design across the top, had a cunningly cut seat and slender spindles. Its owner knew nothing of its origin, but I could have told her it came in a sailing ship, probably from Boston, when the vogue for painted furniture flourished there, a century ago.

Charming little old spool-turned beds have now fallen to the estate of garden seats, or even to garden fences! One very good example of this old colonial bedstead fell into the hands of a furniture lover for a dollar and a half, and now, restored, is one of her chief treasures.

Empire furniture, both English and American productions, is plentiful on the Island, and Hepplewhite and Sheraton style card tables and work tables are by no means rare. There are also many genuine pieces of Duncan Phyfe's furniture which travelled up the coast in the days when the famous American cabinet-maker kept a hundred men at work in his shops. You will see slender fluted legs and brass-tipped feet in many an Island drawing-room. Occasionally the mistress of some old Colonial home will show you with native pride some piece from the workshops of the Island's most distinguished cabinet-maker, Mark Butcher. He worked in the oppressive age of Victorian fashions, but he managed to restrain the influences of the day and had an honest regard for both comfort and elegance. His carved frames are very attractive, and his chairs and sofas are worth possessing for their own sakes as well as for their associations. Unfortunately the Island was

combed from end to end by enterprising dealers from across the line before the Islanders woke to the value of their possessions and enormous stocks of furniture were shipped out. Moreover, the Island still lacks an historical society which might help in preserving its genuine relics, or a museum in which its historic pieces could, with safety, be deposited by descendants of colonial celebrities or present-day owners.

A Cup of Tea

A HUNDRED-AND-SEVENTY years ago Dr. Samuel Johnson confessed that he was a "hardened and shameless tea-drinker whose kettle had hardly time to cool," says Jackdaw in "John O'London's Weekly". He would drink as many as twenty-four cups at a sitting with Mrs. Thrale and her company, but the cups were almost of thimble size, mere noggins. Tea now finds a new historian in Mr. Robert O. Mennell, whose beautifully-printed book, "Tea an Historical Sketch" (Edinburgh Wilson, 16, Copthall Avenue, E.C. 2, 6s. net), I commend to the curious. Mr. Mennell represents the seventh generation of a Quaker family which has been concerned with the importation and distribution of tea in these islands, and it is therefore fitting that, as a hardened and shameless tea-merchant, he should write about Tea. He does so with distinction. It is not known when the first "mash" of tea was made. By the way, is tea still "mashed" in the North of England? Prudently, perhaps, he dismisses as daintily fabulous the story that tea was a beverage in China in the time of Chi Nung, 2737 B. C. Confucius is said to have mentioned tea in his classical work, "She King", about half a millennium before our era. But Mr. Mennell does not commit himself to any date earlier than our sixth century for the general consumption of tea in China itself. Nearly two centuries later a learned gentleman with the highly vocative name Lo Yu wrote "a charming little

dissertation on tea," in which he said: "Tea tempers the spirits, harmonizes the mind, dispels lassitude, and refreshes fatigue; awakens thought and prevents drowsiness, lightens and refreshes the body, and clears the perceptive faculties." One agrees with Mr. Mennell's hint: "Modern advertisement writers please copy," though these are not his exact words.

I am afraid that Mr. Mennell will not thank me for this discursive nonsense. But let me add that his book is not only most instructive on its subject; it is also a fine record of family succession, probity, and social service. The name of Tuke is one with human aid and culture. In 1792 William Tuke founded in "The Retreat", at York, the first humane lunatic asylum in this country. His grandson, Samuel Tuke, was a great educationist and the founder of the two highest Quaker schools now existing, Bootham College, for boys, and the Mount School, for girls, both in York. His son, James Hack Tuke, was a great bringer of first aid to slaves, starving Irish peasants, and the suffering civilians in Paris during the Franco-Prussian War. Mr. Mennell suggests that the chronicle he has written contains a valuable germ of truth. That germ is "social purpose", and he looks forwardly to the time when a way of trading will be found between "the unscientific chaos of private concerns on the one hand, and the unscrupulous combine on the other. A way, retaining the good points of both, yet better than either, can and will be found." Meanwhile, let us hope that tea will continue to "temper the spirit and harmonize the mind."

A Memory

Four ducks on a pond,
A grass-bank beyond,
A blue sky of spring,
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Mrs. Ian Sinclair and Mrs. MacKenzie Waters, of Toronto, will jointly entertain at a dinner on Saturday night, December 31, previous to Mr. George Beadmore's Fancy Dress Ball.

Miss Elizabeth Harper, of Banbury, Oxford, England, daughter of Lady Emily Harper, and a cousin of the Earl of Antrim, and member of the Women's Department of the Overseas Council of the British Colonial Office, was a visitor in Saint John on Friday and is greatly interested in the Maritime Provinces as a future home for emigrants from the old country. Miss Harper is a witty Irish woman and an artist of ability.

Mrs. Adalyn K. Pigott and her daughter Margaret have removed permanently to California, where they are now settled in their new home, "El Encino," 44 Coast Highway, Montecito, Santa Barbara.

Mrs. R. L. Botsford, of Moncton, N.B., left on Monday for New York, from whence she will sail for a trip around the world on the Canada Pacific S.S. Empress of Austria.

Mrs. Walter Gilbert entertained very charmingly at bridge on Thursday afternoon, at her residence on Charlotte Street, Saint John, when cards were played at eight tables. Prizes for highest scores were awarded to Mrs. Walter A. Harrison, Mrs. Frederick C. Mortimer and Mrs. Frank White. Yellow chrysanthemums formed the central floral decoration on the table when at five o'clock Mrs. Russell Sturdee poured tea for the guests. Assisting in passing the refreshments were Miss Edith Gilbert, Miss Constance White, Miss Eleanor Angus, and the Misses Frances and Elise Gilbert. The bridge players were, Mrs. Walter A. Harrison, Mrs. Thomas Bell, Mrs. Florence A. Porter, Mrs. William Vassie, Mrs. Walter C. Allison, Mrs. J. Lee

The remains of the late Brigadier-General E. L. Barker, a former resident of Saint John, whose death took place in London on November 11th, reached his native city on Friday for interment in the family lot in Fernhill Cemetery. Brigadier-General Barker was the son of the late Sir Frederick Barker and Lady Barker, of Saint John.

Miss Agnes Kindersley, of London, England, will spend Christmas in Toronto, guest of Mrs. Geoffrey Boyd.

Mr. H. S. Osler, of Rosedale, Toronto, recently left for Africa to shoot big game.

Mr. Alan Sullivan, who has been a visitor in Toronto and later in New



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Miss Aloise Wragge, of Nelson, B.C., is in Toronto to spend three months with her grandfather, Mr. Edward Wragge, and Mrs. Wragge, Madison Avenue.

Miss Lucy Ashworth, of Roxborough Street East, Toronto, entertained at bridge on Saturday afternoon of last week in honor of Miss Aloise Wragge.

Mr. and Mrs. Percival Bell, of Hamilton, will entertain at a dance for their debutante daughter Miriam, on December twenty-third at the Tamahoe Club.

Mrs. Ramsay Montzambert, of Toronto, is in New York and will spend Christmas there with her son.

Miss Miriam H. Rowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rowley, of Russell Hill Road, Toronto, will sail early in January for Europe, where she will spend three months.

Miss Margaret Parker, of Toronto, gave a jolly dinner dance at the Hunt Club on Saturday night of last week.

Mrs. Hunter Ogilvie, of Toronto, entertained at luncheon on Wednesday of last week, her guest of honor being Mrs. G. Herrick Duggan, of Montreal.



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Mike Kelly's Christmas

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Mike Kelly was a foreman in one of the camps in Muskoka of the Loon Lake Lumber Company of Toronto, Limited. Born and reared in the East end of the city, where his parents lived near the Don, he was at the time twenty-five years of age. This big Irishman was six feet one, and weighed two hundred and twenty pounds. He had a thatch of red hair and a red mustache. His Irish eyes were blue, but his face was tanned to the color of mahogany by the summer sun and the winter cold of the north. Mike had a rough exterior, but he was pure in heart, and the essence of kindly good nature. He had been carefully brought up, in childhood absorbed with simple faith the tenets of the Church of Rome, and regarded the doctrines of all other religious bodies as a serious form of error.

The men in the lumber camps always went out for a celebration at Christmas. For they had been in the woods three months without a drink. The lumber camp was the only place where it has ever been possible to enforce prohibition: there wasn't a bottle of whiskey or a keg of beer within fifty miles.

When in the city, which was seldom, Mike stayed with his parents. But instead of going straight home upon his arrival on Christmas Eve, he dropped in at the Albion Hotel near the market. The Albion was the farmers' Club, and was a clean, comfortable house, kept by Mr. John Holderness, a Welshman. The rate was a dollar a day, and the meals quite as good as in other hostilities in the city which charged a dollar and a half. All hotels were conducted on the American plan, the rate including everything except drinks at the bar. If you wished to live in a more refined atmosphere, where dinner was served at six o'clock instead of at noon, you went, of course, to the Rossin House and paid two fifty, or to the Queens at three dollars. These prices do not obtain at the present time: they are somewhat higher this year.

As soon as Mike reached the bar in the Albion, he met old acquaintances, and they at once proceeded to hold wassail together. And all the time they were in the room Dandy Jim, immaculately dressed, carelessly leaned one elbow on the far end of the bar and kept them under observation. Presently he sauntered into the rotunda and whispered to Slippery Dick:

"There's a big red-headed lumberjack bowling up in the bar, and he's pretty well tanked. He has a roll as thick as your arm in his hip pocket. We'll follow him out and watch for a chance to tap him on the head."

These two were known to the police as the most skillful pickpockets and sneak thieves in the city. But instead of going out, Mike went into the dining room and had supper, for which he paid twenty-five cents. And while he was eating baked whitefish and potato chips in the Albion Hotel, trouble entered the mansion of young Henry Wilson far to the north on Bloor Street, which it had no right to do on Christmas Eve.

Miss Nellie Wilson, five years of age, in charge of a nursemaid, was attending a reception by Santa Claus in a big store down town, brilliantly illuminated by an extravagant number of gas lights, where an orchestra of ten pieces was playing music dear to the heart of childhood. And because the crowd was great and because nursemaids are careless, the young lady got lost. The frightened maid and the store attendants looked for her everywhere, but could not find her. Finally by means of a new invention called the telephone, the alarming news was sent to the mansion on the hill.

Henry Wilson rushed to the stable and with feverish haste helped the coachman to hitch the horses to the carriage. They galloped them all the way down town to the Court Street police station. A description of the child was sent out to every policeman on beat, while a dozen detectives hunted through the streets and stores. For Miss Wilson was a young lady of very great importance indeed, her

father being numbered among the financial magnates of the city. There are various sorts of magnates in The Queen City, but the financial magnates are the most expensive kind: it takes a lot of money to buy even one of them. But despite all the efforts of a highly trained detective force, the lost one could not be found. So, to prevent the story from coming to an abrupt end, the only thing to do is to go back to Mr. Kelly at the Albion Hotel.

When Mike left the dining room, he went back to the bar and had several more drinks. Then he put on his hat and went out on the street. He had no overcoat, for woodsmen do not wear an overcoat. Their winter clothes are made of a special kind of thick cloth, called Mackinaw, impervious to the cold and storm.

He lighted a five cent cigar and strolled along King Street, to view the bright lights and the crowds of Christmas shoppers. A casual observer might say that Mike was drunk, but that would be an exaggeration. He was merely exhilarated—filled with the spirit of Christmas, as it were, and a few drinks of whiskey. He went along King Street, intending to turn up Yonge. His legs were a little unsteady at first, but his mind was quite clear as to where he was going; and not far behind him followed Dandy Jim and Slippery Dick; and curled up in the right hand pocket of Dandy's fashionable overcoat was a twenty-inch length of rubber hose with half a pound of lead in one end of it. It was a mild, dark night, and the snow was falling fast in large-soft flakes.

But Mike did not go as far as Yonge. It is hard to say why he turned up Church Street. It may be that the Guardian Angels who watched over the Babe in Bethlehem on the first Christmas day guided his wandering footsteps to another in great need of his help. He had gone only a short distance north when he observed a little tot sitting on the steps under the porch of a dark office building closed for the night. She was fair as a lily; the little knitted toque on her head and her rabbit skin coat were white as the falling snow.

Mike stopped abruptly, faced her with his feet well apart, and exclaimed:

"Hello, Princess, and what might ye be doin' here in the darkness and the storm?"

"I is waiting for my daddy to take me home in the cawidge."

"And would yer name, by anny chance be Little Ridin' Hood, or perhaps Cinderella?"

"No, I is Nellie Wilson. Who is you?"

"Me full Christian name, Darlin', given to me by me godfathers and godmothers in baptism, is Michael Kelly, but me intimate frinds generally call me Mike."

"What a funny name, Mr. Kelly!"

"An' how did ye arrive at yer present location, Princess?"

"I was in the store to see Santa Claus. I has walked a long way, and I is very tired. I want my daddy to hurry up and take me home in the cawidge."

"Well, now, that is too bad intirely, Swateheart; and could ye tell me the name of the strate on which yer present residence is situated?"

"I don't remember the name of the street."

"Don't ye, now? I am afraid that is very bad indade Princess. But perhaps ye can enlighten me mind regardin' the house ye live in. Would it be a big house, or would it be a small house?"

"It's the big house near the Church; and I want to go home to my mubya."

"Near the church is it? And could ye tell me what its name might be?"

"It is the Church of the Deemer. It is a very big Church. It is on the corner."

"The Church of Radaimer is it ye say?"

"Yes, of course, The Church of the Deemer."

"Arrah! Princess, ye hit the nail on the head that time. It is evident that ye are possessed of a bright and shining intellect. I'll just hist ye up on me shoulder. Put yer arm around me neck and hang on tight, and Mike Kelly will git ye home in twinty minutes."

Kelly walked to Yonge Street with his precious burden perched upon his broad shoulder, and boarded a Bloor street car; and while the little white-robed figure lay asleep in his arms, a frantic young mother with tear-stained face was telephoning to her husband down town at the police station for any tidings of the lost one; and on the back platform of the car lurked Dandy Jim and Slippery Dick, trailing the big Irishman until they could get a chance to knock him senseless and rob him of his money.

When Kelly got off at the Avenue Road corner on Bloor Street, he had no difficulty in finding the house. The gaslight from a street light shone through the falling snow upon the brass nameplate on the door. When he rang the bell, a maid appeared, and Kelly walked in with the child

still asleep in his arms, leaving outside two figures crouched in the shadow of a large tree on the boulevard.

A cry of joy from her mother awakened the little sleeper. She slipped down from the giant arms of her protector and exclaimed:

"It's back, Mubya! I came with Mr. Kelly. He says his name is Mike. Isn't that a funny name, Mummy?"

The excited lady first got Kelly seated in a big chair; then rushed to the telephone to let her husband know that the baby had been found. When she returned, she asked the big woodsman to tell her how and where he had found the little girl.

"I wasn't lookin' for her; I came upon her fortuitously, Ma'am, as I might say a white rabbit sittin' under a spruce tree in the bush; and indade there is considerable resemblance between them, Ma'am. Whin she told me her name and the name of the church, I had no difficulty whatever, Ma'am; she slept all the way."

"Well, Mr. Kelly, we owe you a debt of gratitude that we can never pay; but my husband will see what can be done about that. While we are awaiting his return, you must drink a glass of wine with me. It is Christmas Eve Mr. Kelly."

"Sure now, an' it will give me great pleasure Ma'am."

She herself went and brought a small bottle of champagne, opened it, and poured the bubbling wine into two glasses—fifty cents' worth of wine and a dollar's worth of bubbles.

"You are a lumberman, Mr. Kelly; let me give you the woodsman's toast:

"Here's to the land of the rock and the pine;

Here's to the land of the raft and the river;

Here's to the land where the sun-beams shine,

And the night is bright with the North light's quiver."

"Drink hearty, Ma'am."

They clinked their glasses together and drank the sparkling wine.

"Champagne ye say it is, Ma'am. I've heard tell of it, but I never tasted it before. It is smooth liquor, and aisy to drink; and it has a very delicate flavor, Ma'am."

"What do you usually drink, Mr. Kelly?"

"Whiskey, Ma'am, — whiskey, straight."

"Don't you ever dilute it with soda or mineral water?"

"No, Ma'am; the tavern kapers all put half water in it before they sell it. Some of it is so wake ye can hardly taste it; and they have the face to charge ye five cents for wan mouthful. Why, me ould father has often told me, Ma'am, that whin he came to this country, the price of whiskey was fifty cents a gallon, and ye could get the full of a black bottle for tin cents in anny grocery store in the city; and now the best brands are a dollar a bottle. It's more than it is worth, Ma'am."

After the nurse had given the baby her bread and milk and she had hung up her stocking, her mother said:

"Now, Nellie, say 'goodnight' to kind Mr. Kelly who brought you home."

The little girl ran and put her arms around the lumberman's neck, kissed him and said:

"Good night, Mr. Kelly. I think Mike is a very funny name."

"Good night, Princess, slape tight; and I hope Santa Claus will bring ye many presents."

As soon as Henry Wilson got home and learned more fully of how Kelly had found the baby and brought her home, he said:

"I won't forget what you have done tonight, Kelly. Both my father and myself are large stockholders and directors in The Loon Lake Lumber Company, and we are at the present time looking for a reliable, experienced man for general superintendent of operations in the woods. I will see that you get the job."

But the horses are standing outside, and several reporters and a photographer are waiting for you at the police station. Your story will be on the front page of every paper in the city in the morning. The Coachman hasn't had anything to eat yet; I'll drive you down myself."

They started out. Wilson paused at the door talking to his wife. Kelly went on ahead of him, and Dandy Jim and Slippery Dick lurked in the shadow, waiting.

The moment the big lumberman reached the sidewalk, Dandy Jim, springing forward, aimed a vicious blow at his head.

But the keen eye of the woodsman, trained in the silence of the forest to detect instantly any moving object, was too quick for the robber. He jerked aside his head, and as the blackjack grazed his shoulder, he shot out a fist the size of a small ham and caught the bandit on the jaw. When Slippery Dick saw his accomplice go down in the snow, he bolted, and was at once lost in the darkness.

Wilson got two halter straps, tied the prisoner's hands and feet, and said:

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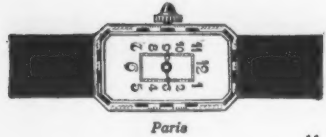
After the reporters had got the whole story, Henry Wilson drove Mike home. And if he stopped on the way at a tobacconist's to buy him a box of cigars such as he had never tasted,

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The Governor-General and Lady Willingdon have sent out invitations to a small dance at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, on December 16.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cook, of Montreal, and Miss Dorothy Cook will spend Christmas in Quebec, when Miss Dorothy Cook will attend the historical Ball on December 27.

The Hon. Marguerite Shaughnessy, of Montreal, entertained at a small luncheon on Monday of last week at her residence at Pointe Claire, in honor of Mrs. Claude Heubach, of Winnipeg. Mrs. Walter Little, of Winnipeg, was among the other guests. Mrs. Heubach and Mrs. Little are again in Winnipeg.

Miss Margot Fleming, of Ottawa, was recently the guest of Miss Barbara MacDougall in Montreal.

Miss Frances Douglas, who has been the guest for the past week of Miss Yvette McKenna at Spencer Wood, Quebec, is again in Montreal. Miss Douglas was among the guests who attended the tea-dance recently given at the Chateau Frontenac by Mrs. Paul Taschereau, in honor of her debutante sister, Miss Claire Belleau.

Miss Marjorie Bourgeois entertained a few of her friends at breakfast in the vice-regal suite of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel after her coming-out reception and dance on Friday night of last week.



LADY WILLIAMS-TAYLOR LEAVES ON A WORLD CRUISE

Lady Williams-Taylor, wife of the General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, sailed recently on the C.P.R. liner, Empress of Australia, on a cruise around the world. Mrs. Watrous, of New York, who came to say goodbye to her mother, is here seen with Lady Williams-Taylor.

Photo by courtesy of the Canadian Pacific Steamships.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Sutherland Brown and Mrs. Brown, of Ottawa, and their children recently sailed for Europe, where they will spend a year.

Mrs. Philip MacKenzie, of Montreal, entertained recently at tea for her mother, Mrs. W. H. Blake.

Mrs. Huntley Drummond, of Montreal, will spend Christmas in Virginia. Mrs. Drummond left on Wednesday night of last week, going via New York and New Haven.

Captain and Mrs. James Calder, of Montreal, with their son, John, and the Messrs. N. and M. Calder, who have been visiting the Hon. J. M. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, of Ontario Avenue, Montreal, sailed on Friday of last week in the S.S. *Montrose* for Europe, where the winter will be spent.

Mrs. Bunting and Mrs. H. B. Yates, of Montreal, are spending the winter in Victoria, B.C.

The marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's father in Kingston, on December 3rd, of Margaret Eleanor Mary, only daughter of Dr. Daniel Phelan, and Major Edson Louis Burns, M.C., Royal Canadian Engineers, son of Mrs. George Edson Burns and the late Colonel Burns, Toronto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Hyland, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral. The house was lovely with ferns and flowers, and the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory transparent velvet with a court train embroidered in pearls. Her veil, worn in cap effect, was fastened with orange blossoms, and her bouquet was of roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Her attendants were Mrs. David Forgan, of Toronto, who wore a Grecian rose crepe robe and a fur felt hat of the same shade, and Mrs. John H. Molson, Montreal, and Mrs. Frederick J. Alderson, Kingston, who were frocked alike in crepe robe of Lavin green with hats of green felt. Their flowers were old-fashioned nosegays with green streamers. The best man was Major Vivien Bishop, R.C.E., and Major Henry Sherwood, R.C.E.A. The wedding march was played by Miss Louise Hill and Major Alderson on the piano and violin. Mrs. Edson Burns, Toronto, mother of the bridegroom, wore black georgette and chintilly lace with gold embroidery, and a black hat. Her corsage bouquet was of violets. Many of the military people of Kingston were present, and the usual war-like touch was given by the bride cutting the wedding cake with her husband's sword. Major and Mrs. Burns left for Saint John, N.B., and sailed for England on S.S. *Montclair*. After spending some time in England they will leave for India, where Major Burns will spend two years at the staff college at Quetta.

Miss Gabrielle Fiset has returned home after a sojourn in Quebec, where she was the guest of Miss Muriel Gallagher.

Mrs. William Leggat, of Montreal, will accompany her daughter, Miss Jane Leggat, to Quebec to attend Mrs. Frank McKenna's historical ball, which is taking place at the Parliament Buildings on December 27. Mrs. Leggat will stay at the Chateau Frontenac.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sharples are again in Quebec from Montreal.

Sir Frederick Whyte, who is en route to England from China, arrived in Montreal on Saturday morning of last week and was the speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Women's Canadian Club that day. Sir Frederick is the retired president of the Indian Legislative Assembly and is a brilliant speaker.

Lady Currie, of Montreal, entertained at tea on Saturday afternoon of last week in honor of Sir Frederick Whyte.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor the Hon. Narcisse Perdeau entertained at a luncheon at Spencer Wood, Quebec, on Tuesday of last week, in honor of the President and Directors of La Banque Canadienne Nationale.

Mrs. Allan MacDougall Jones, of Ottawa, entertained at tea on Wednesday afternoon of last week, in honor of her debutante daughter, Miss Helen Jones. Mrs. Jones was assisted in receiving by her daughter, who wore an attractive frock of wine colored crepe with a velvet girdle, and Mrs. Jones was handsomely gowned in navy blue. The tea table was done with a large crystal and silver bowl of mauve and white chrysanthemums, and was presided over by Mrs. Arthur Hardy and Mrs. Charles MacBeth, Mrs. Charles Campbell, Mrs. Cuffe Quinn and Mrs. Philip Toller, and those assisting were Miss Gladys Burritt, Miss Margaret Hoss, Miss Margot Smith, Miss Margaret Mattice, Miss Betty Hurdman and Miss Lesley Gordon.

Miss Nora Macoun, who has been in England and on the Continent for the past few months, is again in Ottawa. While in France she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Oboassier, the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Machado, of Ottawa.

Principal R. Bruce Taylor, of Queen's, Kingston, entertained at his residence at luncheon, on Wednesday of last week, in honor of Sir Gordon Guggisberg.

Mrs. Norman Guthrie, of Ottawa, has been spending a week in New York.

Colonel and Mrs. Humphrey Snow, of Government House, Ottawa, have been spending a few days in Montreal, guests of Captain T. T. McG. Stoker and Mrs. Stoker, who entertained at supper for them after the hockey match on Saturday night of last week.

Mrs. Hugh Owen, of Montreal, entertained at dinner on Monday night of this week in honor of Colonel and Mrs. Humphrey Snow, of Government House, Ottawa, who have been spending a few days in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sidney Dawes and their little daughter, of Montreal, sailed on Wednesday of this week in the S.S. *Berengaria* for Paris, where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Dawes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Patterson.

During his stay in Montreal Sir Frederick Whyte has been the guest of Dr. J. C. Meakins.

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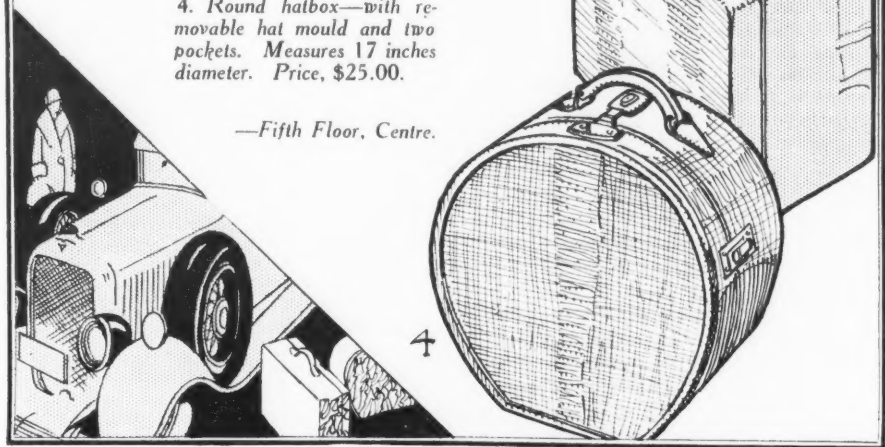
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Great Britain has 750 first line aeroplanes, France has 1,350, although no country in the world is more vulnerable than this. During the last three years Great Britain has reduced her expenditure on armed forces by 5 per cent., but Italy has raised hers by 17 per cent., and France by 40 per cent. These, surely, are startling and convincing figures.

Disarmament Projects

IS IT too late for Christmas wishes? If not, may I wish all my kind and faithful readers, known and unknown, a very Happy Christmas and a New Year in which their dearest dreams come true.

Mary Macdonald Moore